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BEGIN BILL MOORE SPEECH MUFON 1989

ladies and gentlemen i'd like to thank you very much for allowing me this time and thank you for listening to me [Music] that's absolutely the worst introduction i have ever had
(53:46) you can't trust the males these days ladies and gentlemen friends and adversaries associates and colleagues in short fellow ufologists i had really wanted to come here tonight and kick ass [Music] but fortunately for us all wiser heads have prevailed we're going to keep this thing professional before i begin it seems appropriate to first take a few moments to personally thank mr walt anders of the mufon organization and the organizers and hosts of this symposium whose kind invitation made it possible for me to be here
(54:48) i'm also appreciative of this excellent time spot which must mean that those who arrange the schedule must think that i have something to say i'll try not to disappoint you i might also add that my talk here tonight is primarily directed at those of you who are members of the ufo community that's not to suggest that those of you who are here as third parties won't find it interesting it's just that you might not be able to follow some of the in-house comments i'm going to make and that's opposed to outhouse comments
(55:27) which i'll try to avoid even though some cases they may be appropriate having anticipated the faltering star allow me to introduce myself i'm aware that you already know my name and i'm equally certain that many of you are wondering just who is bill moore and what's he up to added to that i'm sure many other questions this man a government agent what about his rumored contacts within the intelligence community are the mj-12 documents real or are they counterfeit and if they're counterfeit did he forge them
(56:27) and isn't he really in it for the money after all the truth about bill moore i'm afraid is considerably less sensational those of you out there that know me well can vouch for it those who don't can verify it easily enough wilmore graduated from college in 1965. between that time in 1979 i spent 14 years as a high school teacher and a concurrent 10 years as a part-time labor relations expert within the structure of the minnesota education association in both cases i had an excellent reputation in 1979
(57:16) after having successfully published the philadelphia experiment with co-author charles burlitz i resigned my teaching position and moved with my family to arizona in order to take up writing full time in 1980 i co-authored a second bestseller the roswell incident which was the preliminary account of an investigation into an alleged ufo crash in new mexico in 1947 at that time the book was skeptically received by the ufo community and mercilessly panned by the debunkers i stood my ground broke with berlitz weathered the storm of rocks and mud
(58:01) that was thrown in my direction and ultimately with continued high quality research and a careful skeptical journalistic approach managed to persuade many of the initial doubters that there was indeed something to the case and in so doing i earned the respect of many of you in the audience and i expect that my reputation and credibility with respect to the roswell case is at least partly responsible for my having been invited to speak here tonight i urge you to keep that in mind if you're one of those who respects my
(58:41) work on roswell then i ask you to consider that i'm trying to carry carry on the same sort of quality investigation with respect to my current project it's just that the circumstances are quite different and i've not been in a position until now to properly inform others about what i've been doing this unfortunately has given rise to considerable controversy with a number of falsehoods having been spread by others in the ufo community who saw fit to jump to hasty conclusions inappropriately formed
(59:16) without benefit of all the facts one of the most persistent rumors about me is that i'm a rich man or that i'm somehow funded by the government to spread disinformation and dissension within the ufo community neither could be further from the truth the real bill moore is as poor as a church mouse i came away from a divorce in 1983 with virtually nothing i went through bankruptcy shortly thereafter i began to rebuild my life the money i make from writing royalties and the sale of mostly ufo-oriented books and publications
(59:59) is all plowed back into living expenses and continuing research it's a constant scrape to get by but i believe in what i'm doing and in order to preserve the freedom necessary to continue i've had to make sacrifices i'm definitely not in

this business for the money i live in a rented house i drive a 1977 car and a 1979 motorcycle i have no savings accounts no stops no bonds and i recently dropped my health insurance because i couldn't afford it any longer i'm not looking for a handout nor do i
(1:00:43) expect any sympathy i simply tell you this because i want it on the record those who are spreading rumors that i live in wealth and comfort are invited to come and verify the situation any time they wish my door is open those who allege that i have counterfeited documents and concocted a hoax on the mj-12 matter had better take the same facts into account rest assured i know myself well enough if i was trying to perpetrate a hoax i would have played it for all the cash i could get a long time ago and taken the money and run
(1:01:29) as some are doing even now in the ufo community and as far for my being on the government's payroll i can only say that i wish i was the government pays well and it provides excellent benefits so why should you believe anything bill moore has to say the fact is that i have information that will add to your knowledge of the ufo phenomenon i will report it to you in as a reliable fashion as i can and in as objective a manner as possible those of you who have numbered among my friends and supporters will perhaps find
(1:02:11) it comforting in light of some of the more outrageous rumors that have been circulating throughout the ufo community recently others of you who have who have chosen to cast aspersions and throw rocks in my directions out of fear that i might uncover something which will upstage your own efforts will undoubtedly take great great pains to dissect what i have to say here in an effort to find more reasons to question my integrity no matter in the final analysis i'm not asking you to believe only to listen what you do from that point is entirely
(1:02:49) up to you two years ago at the mufon symposium in washington dc i stood before a similar audience and presented preliminary information on the so-called mj12 papers i also alluded at that time to a series of ongoing contacts between myself and a number of well-placed individuals within the government and the intelligence community american ufology has been in a turmoil over the mj-12 matter ever since with charges and counter charges being thrown back and forth so fast that it's almost impossible to keep up with them
(1:03:29) worse the rumor mill fueled by speculation disinformation and increasingly gross exaggerations on the part of those who ought to know better has emerged as a major force which it sometimes seems from this vantage point has all but replaced common sense and sound judgment in some circles what ought to have been a sane and concerted effort to get it the truth is taken on virtually all the trappings of a three-ring circus and american ufology as i see it now stands at the edge of a severe crisis which has already shaken it
(1:04:06) to its very core i have every confidence that ufology will survive whether it will emerge from this present state of flux with its much as much credibility as it had going in i don't know i for one am somewhat ashamed and embarrassed by the mudslinging that i have witnessed much of it directed at me these past two years and by the incessant and increasing rumor mongering which has tantalized us all by its highly sensational nature and yet in the final analysis has offered us so very little in the way of tangible evidence
(1:04:48) i hope what i have to say here tonight will have the positive effect of laying some of it to rest but speaking in all candor i certainly won't count on it throughout our history mankind has witnessed many quests and in every case those who study history tell us that there was the inevitable clack of narrow-minded fools who believing that such quests waste time and energy better spent on useful endeavors did everything they could to discourage the process and discredit the individuals involved pardon my observations
(1:05:28) but so it is with our present quest for knowledge about ufos whether ufos are or are not extraterrestrial is really only a part of the picture in the final analysis the process of studying this phenomenon and the people involved with it of assessing the claims and the counter claims and of dealing with the question of how we as earthlings will react to the discovery of a race of extraterrestrial visitors and how they will react to us all of this and more when finally looked at in perspective leads us to the inescapable recognition
(1:06:05) that in studying the ufo phenomenon we are at the same time becoming more aware of ourselves as individuals and learning something about the society that we are a part of the recognition as noted by my friend stan friedman many years ago that any alien spending 10 minutes looking at planet earth must come away with the conclusion that we are in the eyes of that alien nothing more than a primitive

society whose major activity is tribal warfare is it once both revealing and powerful it is through the mirror of ufos as
(1:06:45) alien visitors that we ultimately come to look at ourselves and to recognize what and who we really are such a process can only prove beneficial to mankind in the long term regardless of what the true nature of ufos turns out to be and those who would stand in its way by attempting to keep derision or ridicule upon the subject do us a grave disservice had mankind's greatest inventors scientists explorers builders painters musicians composers physicians surgeons the list goes on the point is had these people throughout our history
(1:07:27) heeded the mindless blusterings and ravings of the skeptics the scoffers and the debunkers who were present in each and every case there would have been no progress and mankind would still be in the stone age moreover in every case where a breakthrough was achieved and progress was made it is the achiever who is remembered and honored by history and not the debunker and the skeptic who said it could not be done the bottom line here is that the ufo phenomenon is a legitimate study by anyone in our free society who
(1:08:13) chooses to do so and those who have elected to participate in such a quest should not be held up to derision and ridicule because of it those debunkers and ufo bashers who have nothing positive to contribute are advised to go and massage their egos somewhere else in my opinion those people have no right whatsoever to dictate to others what is fit for study and what is not or what people should believe and what they shouldn't which brings me to my next point i've been accumulating information on the ufo phenomenon for more than 25
(1:09:01) years during that time i have watched ufology trying to grow up trying to achieve respectability with the public the news media and the scientific community in that process i am sorry to say it's been my observation that we have been our own worst enemy no skeptic no debunker could possibly do that we have done to ourselves not once but time and time again we say we want respectability yet we have made little effort to construct the foundations necessary to achieve it sadly we have no uniform standards no professional ethics
(1:09:50) no peers no qualifications no uniform goals and few credible spokespersons nobody speaks for ufology or rather perhaps more correctly everybody speaks for ufology all at the same time and each with a different voice anybody can be a ufologist all they need to do is tack the title at the end of their name and publish yes even self-publish a book start a newsletter or get themselves on television and should their material be pure unsubstantiated clap trap or broken crockery that's cracked pottery for those of you
(1:10:34) that don't get that one no matter there's always some other self-styled ufologist who will come along see it as the ultimate wisdom of the universe and endorse it wholeheartedly thus adding further to the confusion is it any wonder we have degenerated into a host of political camps each one of which throws rocks at as many of the others as possible while at the same time loudly proclaiming to all who will listen that they are the only true religion meanwhile the debunkers who are essentially united under a single banner
(1:11:08) throw rocks at all of us and the public as hapless observer to the entire process emerges more confused than ever with that in mind i would like to take a moment and ask each and every member of this audience to reach down inside yourself and come up with a true answer to a very important and difficult question what you say publicly has no meaning in this process it's what you know inside of yourself to be truth that matters i want you to ask yourself why are you involved with the ufo phenomenon do you truly desire answers
(1:11:58) no matter what those answers may be and no matter how much those answers may be at variance with what you presently believe or are you one of those people who thrives on a continuing mystery whose very position in the field of ufology requires that the mystery of ufos be perpetuated rather than solved so that you can continue in your self-styled role of importance let's suppose you're the head of an organization devoted to the study of ufos and there are several such here including myself what happens to your organization and
(1:12:36) ultimately to you yourself if the ufo mystery is suddenly solved do you truly want to see that happen or is it more palatable and convenient to keep the pot simmering for as long as possible only you and you alone know what it is that motivates you if you're one who's sincerely interested in finding answers and if you can proceed with an open mind and maybe i can offer you some inspiration if on the other hand you are one who prefers to inflate your own image through the spreading of unsubstantiated often alarming and

(1:13:17) increasingly sensationalistic disinformation hearsay and rumor then i urge you to reassess your position and channel your energies along more acceptable lines if you haven't thought about that i urge you to do so it's important that we all know where we stand as for myself i made my decision a number of years ago as a result of suddenly having found myself face to face with an opportunity to learn more about what our government knows about ufos i believe then and i continue to believe now that it is possible to uncover answers
(1:14:01) by searching carefully and competently for them in the right places finding those answers and thus ending my so-called career as a ufologist poses no problems at all for me as a writer i'm interested in a variety of subjects many of them non-ufo related should i go as far as i feel i can with a ufo question i have plenty of other fish to fry many of which are just as interesting and every bit is challenging the truth fellow ufologists is that i have known precisely what i was doing all along it's just that very few other people
(1:14:43) knew what i was doing and it was this lack of information on the part of other researchers that has given rise to so much controversy consequently i harbor no grudge against others who have attacked me sometimes bitterly because they disagreed with my methods or because they mistook my refusal to answer their often legitimate questions as a display of arrogance and contempt i counseled patients then and i counsel it now a rush to judgment is a dangerous and a divisive thing those who engage in such practices may
(1:15:20) sound high-minded and well-informed at first blush but in the long run they do nothing to enhance their own stature or credibility and they certainly contribute nothing to our quest for answers consider the strange case of mr smith mr jones and the jury you the audience or the jury mr smith is dead mr jones is being tried for the murder the prosecutor stands before you and gives you these facts when the police arrived in response to a complaint that a fight was in progress he says mr smith was found lying dead on the
(1:16:06) floor of his apartment the cause of death was strangulation and the body was still warm mr jones was found bending over the body with his hands still around the victim's throat neighbors and others who knew both men have testified that there was considerable animosity between the two of them and that on more than one occasion mr jones was heard to threaten mr smith's safety and well-being obviously jones had gone to see smith and a violent argument ensued during which jones strangled smith unfortunately for jones the police
(1:16:44) arrived before he was able to affect and escape from the scene hear the jury is this sufficient evidence to condemn mr jones for murder i tried out this scenario during conversations with a number of people over the past few months and i was amazed at how many people agreed that it is one of whom was my good friend walt anders who recently saw fit to publish an outrageously lopsided piece of trash in his newsletter written by a man i've never met spoken to or corresponded with and who could have easily obtained answers to
(1:17:22) his questions simply by taking the trouble to ask a significant minority who listened to my smith and jones scenario however hesitated before passing judgment what is mr jones's defense they wanted to know and of course that's really what it's all about in the case of smith and jones the truth is that it was smith who invited jones to his apartment with the intention of quietly doing him in and disposing of the body before anyone was the wiser however turned the tables on smith and accidentally killed him in the process
(1:18:02) of self-defense and so it is in the case of more the government and mj-12 those who have already decided that i'm one of the bad guys in this controversial case have done so on the basis of only half a story they have rushed to judgment without hearing the defense indeed some of the most vocal of my critics have never once bothered to contact me and ask me if i had a defense tasty pudding as one recent track put it quite humorously attract which by the way i did not write but which i found to be most appropriate
(1:18:49) unfortunately i can't provide you with the entire case for the defense this evening the reason is the defense is still in process of completing its investigation but i can provide you with a significant part of it enough so that at least you can begin to understand what i've been doing and where it's all going for some of you it may not be what you want to hear but it's nonetheless true and it should provide you with a good sense of perspective concerning a lot of other things that have been going on in
(1:19:23) ufological circles recently it all began more than ten years ago with a man named paul benowitz let me preface my remarks by offering the sincere and candid

statement that what i'm going to say is to the best of my knowledge entirely true it is offered without malice or prejudice in any way it is under no circumstances intended to be libelous or defamatory i genuinely like mr benowitz continue to regard him as a friend and have a great deal of sympathy for the difficulties he's been through it is not my intention to upset him with
(1:20:02) these revelations but rather to add a few facts to a record that's been out of balance for a lot of years i had moved from minnesota to arizona during the late summer of 1979 and as a result had become somewhat closer to jim and carl lorenzon of the old aerial phenomena research organization or april in tucson ultimately they invited me to become a member of the april board of directors and i accepted it was in this capacity that i first became acquainted with the work being done by paul benowitz and dr leo sprinkle
(1:20:39) regarding an alleged ufo abduction involving a young woman and several others which had occurred sometime earlier the woman had been hypnotically regressed by dr sprinkle and had provided a strange account of having witnessed a cattle mutilation in process and if subsequently having been taken by her alien abductors into some sort of craft or facility where these aliens were actively engaged in processing fluids and sever severed body parts obtained from these cattle during the course of the hypnosis sessions which began as near as i can
(1:21:12) recall in august of 1979 benowitz had become convinced that the aliens had implanted some sort of communication device in the woman's head and that they were using this device to control her actions his theory was that they could actually see what she saw and hear what she heard by means of this device in any case bennowitz being a physicist by profession and having a certain amount of electronics equipment at his disposal and the wherewithal to purchase more as needed set out to determine whether it might be
(1:21:46) possible to detect the electromagnetic signals he believed these aliens must be using to exercise their control over their alleged victims and to try to devise a way to shield the victim from the control of the signals he dubbed his effort project beta and communicated to apro in late 1979 that he believed he had succeeded in detecting signals from ufos and had begun to make calculations about the sort of electronic and propulsion technology employed by these aliens it was also at about this time that paul began to take both moving and still
(1:22:22) pictures of strange lights maneuvering in the vicinity of the manzano nuclear weapons storage facility which is located on the east of kirtland air force base in albuquerque and of which benowitz had a perfect view from his residence benowitz was convinced that these lights were ufos and that for some reason they were actively interested in both the manzano complex and the coyote canyon test area located directly south of manzano on the other side of the hills during this time the only awareness i had of benowitz in his work was what i
(1:22:54) was obtaining through april i still had not met the man and in fact was only mildly interested in the case this based largely upon both jim and carl lorenzon's assessment of benowitz is a dedicated researcher but unfortunately one who was as jim put it prone to make great leaps of logic on the basis of incomplete data both jim and carl felt that benowitz had already decided what he was going to find before he went looking for it still although i didn't come to know about it until a few months later there apparently was something going on
(1:23:30) involving ufos near manzano particularly during august september and october of 1980 and several agencies of the u s government including the air force office of special investigations seem more than just casually interested in it in early september 1980 i was approached by a well-placed individual within the intelligence community who claimed to be directly connected to a high-level government project dealing with ufos this individual who subsequently came to be known as the falcon told me that he spoke for a small group
(1:24:08) of similar individuals who were uncomfortable with the government's continuing cover-up of the truth and indicated that he and his group would like to help me with my research into the subject in the hope that i might be able to help them find a way to change their prevailing policy and get the facts out without breaking any laws in the process i knew i was being recruited but at that point i had no idea for what in any case i was told that if i was interested in cooperating with their group i would further be contacted by a
(1:24:40) liaison man and that future meetings between me and the falcon would be arranged by this person the liaison person who subsequently made contact with me was afosi agent richard doty a man who has since become quite controversial in his own right and who many people have mistakenly assumed is the falcon himself the story of

my contacts with the falcon doty and subsequently a number of others is something i will have considerably more to say about at a later date i'm fully aware that such a course of action will undoubtedly prompt the
(1:25:19) gospel gossip mongers to begin circulating an entirely new array of outrageous and unsubstantiated rumors but so be it my purpose here is to deal only with that part of the story which is directly connected to the bennowitz affair to those of you who want to know more after hearing what i had to say tonight i counsel continued patience you have my assurance that the rest of the story will ultimately be told as well but before going back to the benowitz affair let me make several points which seem appropriate at this juncture
(1:25:52) first of all on the question of richard dodie and the falcon it's important to note that the name falcon was invented by my partner jamie chanderay and i in 1984. strictly as a way of facilitating our talking to each other about this person particularly on the telephone without having to use a name richard doty who continued to be liaison man was similarly referred to us or by us as the sparrow neither sparrow nor falcon were aware that we were using these terms in reference to them nor was anyone else to the best of my knowledge
(1:26:32) prior to about mid-1985 it was in mid-1987 just after we went public with the mj-12 papers that at falcon's suggestion and with the concurrence of richard doty we began dropping subtle hints that falcon might in fact be doty falcon felt that such a ploy would be useful to him in continuing to protect his identity while dodi for his part said that if anybody asked he could simply deny it and that would be that we agreed and as many of you are painfully aware it turned out to be an excellent diversion particularly with respect to the
(1:27:14) affected head following the ufo cover-up live show which was podcast nationally in october 1988 in all fairness to mr doty here i should also like to comment that in my assessment rick is much better at following orders and implementing the schemes of others than he is at coming up with ideas of his own those of you that have devoted time and energy to constantly badgering this man for more information should be aware that all you are doing is making nuisances of yourself rick is not the man you're after it's the person in the control position
(1:27:51) that's important here and as far as i'm aware no one outside of my project has any idea who that person might be or what his motives are in any case it was falcon who sought me out in september of 1980 and it was richard doty then with afosi at kirtland air force base who soon came into play as the middle man in that process shortly thereafter it became apparent to me that my supplying information to the government through doty on the activities of paul benowitz april and to a lesser extent several other individuals
(1:28:34) was to be a part of this equation i also discovered that whatever it was that benowitz was involved with he was the subject of considerable interest on the part of not one but several government agencies and that they were actively trying to defuse him by pumping as much mis-disinformation through him as he could possibly absorb being a very small part of that process gave me i thought something of an advantage it became my intention to play that advantage for all the information i could get out of it benowitz for his part continued to make
(1:29:13) what in my opinion seemed to be increasingly irrational claims most of which gave every appearance of having been influenced by a heavy blanket of disinformation mixed with a small but significant amount of truth the problem was always one of keeping a level head and trying to carefully sort the from the candy something which paul didn't seem to be very good at but then paul was by that time very emotionally involved with the affair and rather skeptical of advice from any quarter unless it supported what he had
(1:29:45) already decided was the truth from my vantage point being detached from the mainstream but still close enough to appreciate what was happening it was somewhat easier to assess the process i first met paul in early 1981 and continued contacts with him on a fairly regular basis through mid-1985 contact since then has been sporadic my role in the affair was largely that of a freelancer providing information on paul's then current thinking and activities i had nothing whatsoever to do with the counter intelligence and the
(1:30:23) disinformation although i either knew or was aware of a number of people directly involved with that end of things richard doty was one of these people although i came to know dodie well enough to gain the impression that he was faithfully carrying out orders which he personally found distasteful perhaps it was for this reason that the falcon had chosen him as liaison person although i don't really know frankly i don't believe that dodie does either in my opinion he was

simply a pawn in a much larger game
(1:30:58) just as i was as for benefits by 1981 he was gathering data from a variety of sources and amalgamating it with information being fed to him by a number of government people in whom for some reason he seemed to have an implicit and abiding the story that emerged from this melange of fact fiction fantasy hearsay hard data and government disinformation was absolutely incredible yet somehow paul believed in it and set out on a one-man crusade to tell the world that malevolent aliens from space were in league with our government to
(1:31:34) take over the planet what had begun in 1979 is an effort to learn whether the behavior of a woman who claimed she had been abducted by ufo aliens and was being influenced by some sort of radio remote control had in the space of less than three years blossomed into a tale which rivaled the wildest science fiction scenario anyone could possibly imagine basically it seemed to me that paul was his own worst enemy instead of withholding judgment until all of the facts were in paul insisted on repeatedly going off half to
(1:32:09) virtually anyone who would listen members of the press other ufo researchers us congressmen and senators people in military command positions members of the scientific establishment even the president himself all were members or subjects of paul's efforts to reach out and tell the world what he sincerely believed to be happening he wrote letters and made phone calls by the hundreds and to those who had neither the time nor the inclination to look behind the words for a better understanding of the facts paul with his professional credentials
(1:32:45) and technical vocabulary came off as a rather credible individual which must have caused quite a rash of headaches among the people in high places who are desperately trying to defuse him the idea that ufos had something to do with the phenomenon number two an increasing number of ufo cases wherein the individual or individuals involved claimed to have been abducted by ufo aliens and taken aboard their craft against their will public exposure to this phenomenon got a big boost in 1981 with the appearance of bud hopkins best
(1:33:32) seller missing time and paul was particularly interested in these cases his hypothesis that people were being abducted implanted with some kind of alien control device and then being let go again was completely consistent with the thinking of a number of other ufo researchers at the time paul's hypothesis however had a somewhat more sinister spin than most third his own experiments and research regarding the radio signals he was receiving in the photographs and film footage he was getting of unusual lights both of these phenomena seemed largely
(1:34:09) though not entirely connected with goings on within the kirtland air force base sandia national lab complex just south of albuquerque there is no question that paul was receiving some sort of electromagnetic signal on his equipment and it is equally certain that his photos and films do depict unusual lights most of which were filmed while hovering or maneuvering over the kirtland sandia complex the real question here however is whether paul's evidence is sufficient to conclude that either of these phenomena
(1:34:38) was directly related to ufo activity or whether in fact a prosaic explanation exists which is more directly related to some classified government project admittedly strong arguments can be made in both directions either one of which can be offered as an adequate explanation of the government's counter-intelligence activities in this case which was the fourth factor government surveillance of paul and his activities some of which paul was astute enough to detect and some of which i had learned about that paul seemed unaware of
(1:35:14) took the surveillance activities which included wiretaps and according to paul even break-ins as proof positive that he was onto something big unfortunately he seemed largely unaware that the same people who would go to such lengths to spy on him also had the capabilities to mount an effective disinformation campaign in any case by mid-1982 paul's story contained virtually all of the elements found in the current crop of rumors being circulated around the ufo community there were two groups of aliens one malevolent one more friendly
(1:35:54) the malevolent ones which paul referred to as the greys were really in control and they were the ones responsible for the cattle mutilations for human abductions and the implanting of sinister control devices in humans for having first made and then broken the secret treaty with the us government for maintaining a secret underground base under archuleta peak near dulce and northwestern new mexico and for having supplied the us government with aliens based hardware and weapons which ultimately proved defective or which were caused to crash
(1:36:26) thus leaving human civilization virtually defenseless against invasion

according to paul an atomic powered spaceship which they had given to the us had been caused to crash in archuleta peak near the entrance to an underground alien base and it sprayed the entire area with radioactivity and wreckage to prove it he provided drawings which he said he had made from photographs i and others would examine paul's photographs as well as independently explain obtained pictures of the same area were unable to see what paul claimed was
(1:37:02) there where he saw a crashed ship burned wreckage entrances to the alien base and weapons pointing skyward others could only see rocks trees and shadows i have no doubt that paul believed that he saw what he claimed and for this i offer no explanation i only know that what he claimed to see wasn't what others saw there is no question that some of benowitz's pictures are interesting but i must say that even though i viewed a large number of them i never saw one that i could get particularly excited about
(1:37:42) and i certainly never saw anything that i felt could be pointed to as proof positive or even compelling evidence that he was photographing alien spacecraft much of his film was super eight millimeter which is too small a format for good quality enlargement there is also no question that paul was intercepting some kind of low frequency electromagnetic emission the question was and remains where was it coming from what was its purpose and indeed most importantly was it ufo related at all paul at least was totally convinced
(1:38:18) that he was receiving alien radio transmissions and had even gone so far as to develop a home computer program capable of translating them into english the problem as i saw it was that his program which he told me had been developed with the assistance of the aliens themselves assigned entire words sentence fragments and sometimes even entire sentences themselves to the various individual pulses of energy within these transmissions the technique involved was such that it could just as easily have been adapted to assign similar alien translations to
(1:38:56) the various energy pulses found in ordinary morse code i have a number of paul's computer printouts which contain translations of those allegedly alien messages if one breaks these apart into their component words sentence fragments and sentences and then shuffles the components the result is such that the new message says virtually the same thing as the old one the messages look fascinating until one examines the method by which they were derived after that they are not nearly so interesting unfortunately lots of people saw the
(1:39:34) messages very few had the opportunity to examine the computer program which generated them along these same lines at least some of the things paul was seeing and identifying his alien spacecraft were definitely not ufos at all one evening while visiting him we went out in his sundeck just at twilight and he pointed out a series of lights slowly maneuvering far out over the west mesa perhaps 25 or 30 miles away these he said were alien craft involved in abducting people and implanting there certainly were lights maneuvering
(1:40:10) out there but even through good binoculars they were not readily identifiable paul insisted they were ufos and showed us how to conduct a little test with our binoculars which he said would prove it interested but unconvinced i drove directly to west mesa immediately after leaving paul's home and parked my car at a spot where i felt i would be able to get a good look at anything flying around that area sure enough helicopters carrying large searchlights began to maneuver slowly over my vantage point only moments after i arrived
(1:40:47) one went directly over me at an altitude of about 300 feet and there is no doubt that it was a helicopter the next day i called kirkland and they confirmed to me that there had indeed been a search and rescue training mission in that area the night before such operations they informed me were conducted over that area quite frequently that was in 1982 two years later in 1984 paul was still making the same claims about these maneuvering lights to other ufo researchers as far as i'm aware i was the only one who took the trouble
(1:41:24) to check paul is a convincing and compelling individual in person he talks an excellent story and it's easy to see why so many people have been so intrigued by it over the years unfortunately too many of the people who have interviewed paul have chosen to draw their conclusions about him based solely or largely upon what he says and not upon the entire body of evidence presented by the larger picture of the case itself i too have spent considerable time with paul over a period of years and came to know him quite well in that
(1:42:01) process as already stated i viewed a large number of paul's films and photographs i carefully examined satellite and aerial survey photographs of both archuleta peak and mesa as well as aerial photos of the area taken by paul himself i

examined the computer program paul was using to decode the alleged alien radio transmissions and communications and i had a lengthy discussion about this matter with the late dr alan heineck who is also who had also independently examined paul's program i spent considerable time discussing the
(1:42:36) affair with both jim and carl lorenzon both of whom were quite skeptical of it and i have copies of many of the reports and letters paul submitted to afro beginning as far back as september of 1979 moreover as i have already stated i was personally aware of the intelligence community's concerted efforts to systematically confuse discourage and discredit paul by providing him with a large body of information on the subject of ufos the malevolent aliens who allegedly pilot them the technology they employ and the
(1:43:14) underground bases they supposedly possess and occupy the entire story of a secret treaty between the u.s government and the aliens of exchanges of technology between us and the aliens of battles between aliens and american armed forces and of aliens allegedly having implanted hundreds of thousands if not millions of human beings for that for the purpose of taking over the world and using us as cattle or slaves came about as a result of the disinformation process i know because i was in a position to observe much of this process as it unfolded
(1:43:55) and i was providing regular regular reports on its effectiveness to some of the very people who were doing it to paul and i can tell you that it was effective because i watched paul become systematically more paranoid and more emotionally unstable as he tried to assimilate what was happening to him he had guns and knives all over his house he had installed extra locks on his doors and he swore that they meaning the aliens were coming through his walls at night and injecting him with hideous chemicals which would knock
(1:44:30) him out for long periods of time he told me they had no id he had no idea what they were doing with him after he was knocked out he began to suffer increasing bouts of insomnia others took over the day-to-day operation of his business as he went through this one day i watched him eat not a bite of his lunch while he chain smoked 28 cigarettes in 45 minutes i knew at that time that he was not far from an inevitable nervous collapse his health deteriorated he'd lost considerable weight his hand shook as if from palsy and he
(1:45:09) looked terrible i tried to counsel him to drop the entire ufo thing before his health was completely destroyed he said he knew things were getting bad and he was trying to cope with it not long afterward i heard he had been hospitalized and was under psychiatric care whether ufos were actually ever involved with all of this and to what extent i never really knew perhaps paul had merely stumbled upon signals generated from some sophisticated high-level government project whose security people had hit upon ufo-related disinformation as their
(1:45:44) ultimate ultimate cover or perhaps he had discovered a real although somewhat less sensational government ufo project if that's possible which elected to disinform him to protect what they were really doing i do know from firsthand experience that there was a tremendous amount of government disinformation involved and that a large proportion of what we are hearing today about malevolent aliens underground bases secret treaties with the us government has its roots firmly planted in the benowitz affair stories of an alleged ufo crash at aztec
(1:46:24) new mexico are also a part of this picture but i'll say comment on that until later in this paper in any case from what i knew of all of this its purpose was strictly to discredit benowitz and nothing more what amazes me is that nearly a decade later these same stories continue to circulate recently one of the most prominent figures in the current disinformation wave which has been sweeping the ufo community was quoted as having stated that he found paul benowitz's information to be 100 true this person spent a couple of days
(1:47:06) talking to benowitz back in septem in the summer of 1987 and he has spent considerable time since spreading elaborate and increasingly sensationalistic stories based he claims on information gathered from a variety of unnamed sources strip away the fluff and what you have left is essentially the benewit story all over again there is no question in my mind that it's mostly disinformation pure and simple and since i know that connections exist between those who are spreading it now and those who are spreading it then
(1:47:47) both from the benewits angle and from within the intelligence community it seems reasonable to conclude that those responsible for it are not satisfied their task has been completed even after all this time knowing what is going on however is simply not enough the real question is why it was just that question i asked myself when i first ran into the disinformation operation that was being run on benowitz it

seemed to me at that time that i was in a rather unique position there i was with my foot literally in the door of a
(1:48:26) secret counter intelligence game that gave every appearance of being somehow directly connected to a high-level government ufo project and judging by the positions of the people i knew to be directly involved with it definitely had something to do with national security there was no way i was going to allow the opportunity to pass me by without learning at least something about what was going on many ufologists have run up against this information over the years virtually all of them viewed it as a negative process and backed away from it
(1:49:05) either in anger or disgust as soon as they discovered what they were dealing with even today the ufo community unanimously considers anyone known or suspected dealing in disinformation to be one of the bad guys someone to be shunned or avoided at all costs and certainly never ever to be believed i on the other hand determined to take quite a different tack i would play the disinformation game get my hands dirty just often enough to lead those directing the process into believing that i was doing exactly what they wanted me to do
(1:49:42) and all the while continue to burrow my way into the matrix so as to learn as much as possible about who was directing it and why it would be a classic case of turning the tables on the very ones who were most confident that they had the situation well in hand there was just one thing i needed to do this secrecy i couldn't tell anyone about what i was doing or if i did and word got back to those in control i would be immediately cut off and cast adrift before i could learn anything it was a formidable problem
(1:50:26) some of the contacts i had made during the benowitz affair seemed friendly and professed a desire to end the ufo cover-up and assist in getting government information on ufos out to the public in a slow and methodical manner so as not to create panic others seem more interested in obtaining information from me often on what other members of the ufo community were doing and sometimes on other completely unrelated subjects whatever information i managed to get from these individuals in return usually came as a result of asking just
(1:51:00) the right questions in just the right ways sometimes it took months or even years of establishing a relationship with someone before anyone useful came for anything useful came from it the most difficult difficult part of it all was trying to determine what was real and what was one of the key factors in any successful disinformation scheme is that it must contain some elements of truth in order to make it credible knowing that however is one thing doing something with it is quite another when you're dealing with what you know
(1:51:42) to be a classified program and you're determined to get information without breaking any laws and running afoul of national security you're walking a very fine line and that's why it takes a long time to get results in june of 1982 i approached my friend jamie chanderay and brought him into the project at that time i also began briefing stanton as to what was going on both of them knew that i was in contact with a number of people within the intelligence community on the subject of ufos and both were aware
(1:52:20) that at least some of the information coming through was disinformation but both only had minimal knowledge of the private goals and conclusions i had established some months earlier as the project progressed this actually turned out to be more of an asset than a drawback indeed the three of us were an excellent team in that we each approached the problem from a different angle from my point of view the process was one of slowly and methodically burrowing into a beehive from the outside with the goal of ultimately reaching the queen
(1:52:53) bee in the royal jelly at the center since i never knew whether the other bees i was certain to meet along the way would be friendly or not i had to proceed cautiously both in order to avoid getting stung and to learn as much as possible about what what might lie ahead the control factor as i saw it rested largely with me and the way i proceeded jamie on the other hand saw it as a somewhat different process he too felt we were burrowing into a beehive but in his view of things our burrowing was at the express invitation of the
(1:53:30) queen bee herself who clandestinely oversaw and encouraged the process from a distance as part of her private plan to get free of politics that surrounds and restrains her as long as we follow the signposts along the way jaime felt the learning process would continue and we could never get stung stanton as the scientist of the group was the one best qualified to conduct a careful and organized search for corroborating witnesses and evidence in places outside of the loop jamie and i were part of and by the way just as a matter of personal privilege

(1:54:07) here i would like to react to a nasty comment about stanton which appeared in a recent issue of jim mosley's saucer smear newsletter in this comment the writer after first characterizing stanton as a gullible individual went on to wonder whether he could be trusted to expose the mj-12 documents as phony if his research turned up conclusive evidence to that effect it's a legitimate question and i'd like to answer it by stating that not only stanton but all of us are firmly committed to releasing a full
(1:54:40) and complete report on this matter if evidence should come to light suggesting that the documents are phony you have my firm assurance that it will most certainly be included in the report gullibility is not an issue here the matter is far larger than that in any case stanton jamie and i are all working toward the same goal that of trying to discover what is truth and what isn't with respect to the government and ufos my role in the benowitz affair had at least secured me a seat in the right theater from there
(1:55:22) it was only a question of whether i could use my balcony ticket to discover who owned the place and was making the major operational decisions both jamie and i felt that in order to have any hope of success at all we absolutely had to play the game according to their rules that meant doing everything possible to give the appearance that we were essentially useful idiots who would cause no trouble while at the same time playing the double game of keeping our eyes and ears open in order to learn as much as we could about what
(1:55:53) was going on in so doing we were gradually able to expand our base of friendly contact people while working our way further and further into the truly bizarre intelligence labyrinth that surrounds the subject of ufos i have no problem in telling you that it's been a tedious time and resource consuming task which has been made all the more difficult by the constant barrage of rocks hoots and bottles thrown in our direction from a segment of the ufo community which out of ignorance chose up to take on chose to
(1:56:27) take up unfriendly and unsympathetic positions toward us were it not for the fact that we were constantly challenged by the twists and turns of our project and by the hope that we could ultimately come away from it with a smoking gun in hand i'm convinced we would have thrown in the towel a long time ago indeed i must admit that there were several occasions when we tried to do just that only to be encouraged to continue by some of our friends from the inside who had come to believe in what we were doing and respected us for it
(1:57:00) the anonymous arrival of the so-called mj-12 documents in december of 1984 was another factor we had to contend with in this increasingly confusing web the problem of their origin and authenticity was and remains a major issue and on this point our position of neutrality has constantly been misinterpreted therefore for the record it is important to point out here once again that at no time have either i or any of my associates ever stated that these documents are authentic our position has consistently been that
(1:57:43) we do not know whether they are authentic but that we as investigators remain unaware of any convincing evidence which would suggest that they are not that position remains essentially unchanged today and i'll have more to say about it when i get to the end of this paper the bottom line however is that authentic or not the story of the documents is a major story and one which as i've already assured you will ultimately be told when the time is ready to tell it that process has already taken considerably longer than i had thought
(1:58:25) it would i cannot predict when it will be complete but i can say that progress has been made and i for one certainly hope it won't be too much longer for the many of you who have roundly criticized our methodology throughout the mj-12 controversy it seems important to note here that what you were witnessing was the operation of a plan to put out just enough of this bizarre information to attract attention and then carefully monitor who showed up with questions to ask or information to offer once again i was careful to state that i remained
(1:59:07) unconvinced of the authenticity of the information involved in the case of the falcon and condor interviews broadcast last october on ufo cover up live i'm convinced that at least some of that information falls under the category of disinformation i'm equally convinced that some of it is true the important point here is that regardless of whether it is disinformation or truth it does have to do with ufos and the sources who provided it felt that doing so was important enough to risk going before national television
(1:59:48) in order to accomplish that purpose remember also that those sources knew that falcon and condor would be identified on the show as confidential government

informants the risk was all theirs not out and still they went ahead just as they are currently going ahead with the process of arranging a meeting which will enable them to tell their stories before one or more members of congress i submit to you that such a process is extraordinary regardless of the truth or deception involved and i think it's high time the ufo
(2:00:33) community stopped throwing rocks at it and began to consider the implications one thing i can assure you is that rocks are not our project will continue you can either become involved as others in the ufo community have done or you can sit back and wait for results whatever those results good bad positive or negative you will hear about them our trolling of the bait by means of a progressive release of information and ultimately by arranging for falcon and condor to appear on the ufo cover-up live show produced a variety of interesting
(2:01:11) results shortly after the show the fbi showed up and began asking questions about it they even arranged for a private showing in the office of producer michael seligman agents on both east and west coasts interviewed a number of ufologists and other people including jamie chanderay but although i let it be known that i'd be more than happy to talk to them they avoided me this i found to be particularly interesting in light of the fbi's admission in response to a foyer request that they have nearly 60 pages of
(2:01:46) material on me that is all classified for reasons of national security that was in july of 1988 i still have no idea what those pages contain another thing that occurred as we had hoped it would was that a rather small number of people came out of the woodwork claiming to have inside knowledge of one type or another about mj-12 or similar government ufo projects after weeding out the obvious cranks and several others whose claims did not check out or whose or whose stories changed every time they told them we were left with a few leads which
(2:02:23) seemed promising it's premature to offer you a report on these at this time because we're still checking also seemingly in direct relationship to our partial release of mj 12 material two years ago the flow of ufo-related disinformation has escalated from a point of near insignificance to what has become almost a flood tide indeed many of you in the audience came here tonight looking for answers to questions related directly to that problem as i have taken great pains to point out the current crop of disinformation is
(2:03:05) really nothing new it's just that a different crop of people are spreading it this time around i expect that those responsible not the rumor mongers themselves but the ones who are feeding them thought it would work just as well this time as it did last the one thing i'm sure they didn't count on is that i would tell my story and thus blow their cover and speaking of blowing cover [Music] and speaking of blowing cover [Music] and speaking of blowing cover i think it's high time that i tell you what i
(2:03:58) know about another situation that has found its way into the current crop of ufo disinformation i offer this not to embarrass the person involved but rather to shed light on an incident which by the accounts of it have appeared recently in a variety of ufo newsletters and at least one new book aztec rumor rick indicated he do nothing about the matter and asked me to tell him everything i could i did so and as i recall he took some notes we discussed a number of other things as well some months later in early 1983 i became aware that rick was involved
(2:04:53) with a team of several others including one fellow from denver that i knew of and at least one who was working out of washington dc in playing an elaborate disinformation game against a prominent cattle mutilation researcher who at the time had close connections with a major television film company interested in doing a ufo documentary although i was not in a position to know everything about what was going on i had access to enough of it to conclude that the government seemed hell-bent on severing the ties that existed between
(2:05:27) the researcher in the film company my understanding was that because the researcher was known to have close ties to benowitz and had exhibited a strong interest in his work certain elements within the intelligence community were concerned that the story of his having intercepted electromagnetic emissions from the kirtland sandia area would end up as part of the script of a feature film since this in turn might influence others possibly even the soviets to obtain to attempt similar interceptions someone in a controlled position
(2:06:02) apparently felt it had to be stopped before it got out of hand in any case the prime objective of the counter-intelligence people who swarmed around venues between 1980 and 84 seemed to be the maintenance of a high-level security net around the radio signals he was intercepting i was unable to determine why this was a

priority at the time and i still do not know today what i do know however is that since they couldn't physically stop paul from intercepting these signals and since they hadn't been successful in
(2:06:36) enlisting his voluntary silence they fell back on a wall of disinformation as the best way to confuse the issue and ultimately to call his credibility into question when the filmmaker appeared on the scene and it looked as if paul's story might become part of the script the counterintelligence people simply extended their disinformation activities accordingly part of this game involved a meeting between the cattle mutilation researcher in question agent richard doty and others at the afosi office of kirkland air force base wherein the
(2:07:11) researchers subsequently claimed to have been allowed to view certain purportedly sensitive documents about the government's alleged involvement with ufos part of this material included information about an alleged ufo crash retrieval at aztec richard doty who's bound by a security oath cannot and i am told will not discuss this matter except to say that he broke no laws and gave away no secrets that day that in so far as i'm aware is entirely correct i on the other hand was never required to sign a security oath
(2:07:48) and therefore breaking no laws when i tell you quite candidly that the information which changed hands on that day was directly descended from the discussion doty and i had had only a few months earlier i can also tell you that it was a very effective deception because the researcher involved continues to believe this information and actively continues to try to convince others of its truth even now more than six years after the fact unfortunately there was no ufo crash at aztec nor was there much truth to any of the
(2:08:20) other materials applied to this particular researcher either at that meeting or during later encounters the much touted alien harvest is really a dismal crop failure to the best of my knowledge it was all disinformation and i was the unfortunate one who had unwittingly supplied the fuel to those who were spreading the fire i've held my silence on this matter for more than six years now you know the truth disinformation disinformation is a strange and bizarre game those who play it are completely aware that an operations success is dependent
(2:09:00) upon dropping information upon a target or mark in such a way that the person will accept it as truth and will repeat and even defend it to others as if it were true once this has been accomplished we certainly have a number of rude people in this audience that's too bad [Music] once this has been accomplished the work of the counter-intelligence specialist is complete they can simply withdraw in the confidence that the dirty work of spreading their poisoned seeds will be done by others those who want proof of how well the
(2:09:38) process works need only look around you every time one of you repeats an unverified or unsubstantiated bit of information without qualifying it as such you are contributing to that process and every time you do it somebody in a need to know position sits back and has a horse laugh at your expense one final comment on the aztec hoax is that two other individuals who self-published a voluminous book ufo crash at aztec on the affair in 1987 chose to completely omit any any mention of my extensive research on the case
(2:10:16) which had been published two years earlier in which both researchers had copies of it's a classic case of the book's principal author having decided that his conclusion with what his conclusion would be before even beginning the process of investigating and then ignoring everything which didn't fit one of the problems the ufology movement has with its image is that there are a significant number of people involved with it who not only support this sort of journalism but encourage it the next section of this presentation
(2:10:53) will deal with questions and answers but the format will be a bit different in that i will not take questions from the audience but have elected to incorporate a number of questions and their answers directly into the body of this paper question number one am i currently involved with providing information to any government agency about ufos or about people involved with the ufo phenomena the answer no i have not had any such involvement since nineteen eighty four frankly i'm a little ashamed of some people in this audience
(2:11:51) regardless of what you believe what you hear or not this is not a debate it is a paper trying to be presented now please show a little courtesy thank you i'll repeat that question am i currently involved with providing information to any government agency about ufos are about people involved with the ufo phenomenon answer no i have not had any such involvement since 1984 the extent and the scope of that involvement were essentially as i have already outlined to you and nothing more

question two
(2:12:58) am i presently involved in knowingly spreading any sort of disinformation about ufos answer no the only conscious involvement i have ever had with a disinformation operation was that which i have already outlined in connection with the bennowitz case question three am i presently or have i ever been on the payroll of any agency of the us government no question four what about my involvement with ufo researcher lee graham answer earlier in this paper i told you of how i was recruited to supply information on mr benowitz in
(2:13:53) 1980 the exact wording in my statement was benowitz and to a lesser extent several other individuals one of those other individuals was lee graham this began in 1983 if memory serves it's important to note here that in addition to being a ufo researcher lee is also an avid military aircraft buff as far as i'm aware the counterintelligence people were primarily interested in him because at the time lee was making a lot of inquiries and collecting a great deal of information on the then very highly classified
(2:14:36) stealth aircraft program apparently there was some question as to why he was so interested in obtaining information on so sensitive the subject in other words was he using it solely to satisfy a personal curiosity or was he passing it on to others who perhaps had foreign intelligence connections there seemed to be only minimal interest in his ufo activities lee is a completely above board individual who is a loyal u.
(2:15:08) s citizen in the process of keeping in touch with him we became good friends his knowledge of the fact that i had friends in the intelligence community gradually evolved into the firm belief on his part that i was much more than i really was the id card story which has become the subject of so much speculation lately stems from nothing more than a practical joke which has simply gotten out of hand since the story surrounding it is somewhat longer than the time here will allow i will commit to publishing it later in our newsletter so that it will be on
(2:15:44) record for anyone interested in the facts the fact is i do not hold the government id card but think about it for just one moment if i did does it make sense that i'd pull it out of my wallet and show it to lee graham or anybody else for that matter question five is it true that several hours of interviews with the source code named falcon were videotaped some in the presence of voter bonafide members of the news media and is it true as some have alleged that those tapes were confiscated by the u.
(2:16:28) s government answered yes it is true that those tapes were made and no it is not true that they were confiscated they are still in our possession question six is it true that i've characterized the cattle mutilation phenomenon as a hoax answer no question seven do i know anything about the so-called ellsworth air force base humanoid case of 1977 and the documents associated with it answered yes some people have characterized this case as a hoax while others have attributed to attributed it to official disinformation it's my position that this was a special
(2:17:16) counter intelligence training exercise in the creation and dissemination of disinformation and yes richard doty who was stationed at ellsworth at the time was clearly a part of it but not in any capacity where he would have been responsible for creating the documents involved question 8 do i know anything about the so-called white soul letter answer yes the letter which is loosely based upon an actual ufo case was written anonymously to apro in july of 1980 by richard cody is directly related to the benowitz affair
(2:18:02) essentially it was bait afosi knew that benowitz had close ties with the apro organization at the time they were interested in recruiting someone within the organization would be in a position to provide them with feedback on benowitz's activities and communications since i was an april board member the whites of letter was passed to me for action shortly after it had been received it was not long thereafter that i came to know richard doty and began to provide him with information about benowitz and his case
(2:18:37) question nine what do i know about the so-called aquarius document which purports to be a facsimile the fossi message with a few spurious additions i neither typed nor retyped this document it was created by afosi or at least i always assumed it was and it was handed to me in february 1981 with the intention that i would pass it to benowitz my understanding although i never knew for sure was that benowitz was expected to wave it to the press and others as proof of what he was saying about an alien invasion at which point the document would be not
(2:19:20) denounced as a counterfeit and benowitz would be further discredited unfortunately or perhaps fortunately depending upon one's point of view it didn't

turn out that way a highlighted version of this document showing the real information and the added information appears in the current issue of our newsletter which will be available at our table off in the lobby i might also add that the entire text of this speech is also in there one additional bit of information about this document is the way that it came to be known to
(2:19:57) the ufo community in september of 1982 insofar as i was aware there were only three copies of this document in existence one of these i had given to benowitz the second was in safekeeping and a third was in my briefcase during a trip which i had made to san francisco while there i had a morning meeting with a man who turned out later to be an associate of ufologist peter gersten that same afternoon my car was broken into and the briefcase was stolen there is a police report by the way on file in san francisco four months later a copy of that same
(2:20:37) document complete with annotations i had penciled on it turned up in the hands of none other than gersten himself to this day i have never received a satisfactory explanation of how he obtained it question 10 what about the afosi documents which speak of a 1980 ufo landing near a nuclear storage facility within the kirtland air force base complex are these documents more disinformation or are they authentic answer to the best of my knowledge they are authentic question 11 what about other documents which i've
(2:21:19) either alluded to having or have published portions of without providing further details answer there are a number of these and they came to us in several different ways none of them however seem to have any direct connection to the benowit's case nor as far as i can tell was richard dodie directly involved in supplying them to us whether they are legitimate or disinformation the more likely a combination of both is still a matter of question once we have completed our study of these materials we will make them available as well
(2:21:57) our publication of expregated copies of some of this material also served a definite purpose but that's another story question number 12. ufo basher phil class has been the topic of a number of rumors lately to the effect that he's an active government disinformation agent what do i think about that answer mr class is a very distinct individual who has long been a close follower of my activities indeed i believe he was the only one out of the entire ufo community who managed to figure out what i and my associates were up to
(2:22:38) and it horrified him in my opinion the very idea that someone might actually be capable of getting far enough into the ufo problem to unmask his debunking claims constituted a personal threat to him that had to be dealt with he has been obsessed with doing everything possible to try to either stop or discredit us ever since the handout he passed around today to many of you is just another example of it as to his motives i think it's best left to mr class to explain why he behaves as he does perhaps phil bash's ufos and the people
(2:23:16) who see them for the same reason that other people tear the wings off of flies or perhaps he gets well paid to do what he does if there's nothing to ufos as he's consistently claimed then i can't imagine why he gets so emotional about them unless of course unless of course it's all part of the script phil's been bashing ufos for over 20 years now in that process he's always been very quick to ascribe ulterior motives to the people who report them and investigate them there are a lot of people in this
(2:23:59) audience would be very interested in hearing what his ulterior motives are why does mr clash class bash ufos i for one would welcome a rational explanation of just why a man would devote 20 years of his life to an essentially one-man crusade against something which he claims doesn't exist if he's not spreading disinformation if he's not on some government or private payroll then just what is he up to and precisely what does he hope to accomplish by it about it folks how many of you would like to hear what makes class tick
(2:24:41) [Applause] i think he owes us all an explanation of what in my opinion and i'm sure in that of many others here has been 20 long years of unprofessional attitude as a matter of fact i think he owes a lot of people an apology myself included pages of my newsletter are open to you phil whenever you're ready to explain yourself you'll be more than happy to print it now having gotten that out of the way it seems to be an appropriate place to tell you the story of man's first contact with the martians
(2:25:31) during a worldwide telecast of the martian ambassador's press conference the following dialogue transpired reporter tell me mr martian what sort of social structure do you have on mars martian well we're um we're all devout communists there are no cares or worries in our society and we are all extremely happy reporter

well what's the one thing about living on mars that makes your people the happiest martian well that's a very easy question you see unlike the people on earth we on mars enjoy the distinct advantage
(2:26:16) of living in a completely classless society so moving from the humerus back to the serious here's question 13. what do i think of whitley strieber and his claims of being a ufo abductee answer at first i was highly skeptical and admittedly somehow jealous of whitley as a result i undertook to get to know the man in order to assess things for myself in that process he's earned my respect my admiration and my friendship whitley has come very close to the truth in a number of ways and although still somewhat baffled by his own experiences
(2:27:08) he's found a very acceptable way of accommodating them into his life if one makes a conscious effort to remove whitley's emotional reactions and then takes a hard look at the remaining core of information the result is an insightful look into what gives every appearance of being a real situation in any event i certainly wouldn't dismiss this man too lightly we're going to hear a lot more from him before it's all over question 14.
(2:27:39) jerome clark reported in fate magazine that i and jamie chanduray made a trip to washington dc in anticipation of meeting a live alien and were stood up in the process doesn't this imply that we were highly gullible individuals the experience was probably just a practical joke on the part of the disinformation crowd answered not at all if you stop to think about it considering what you now know of our project and its goals we had a story no matter what happened we made the trip because we simply couldn't lose
(2:28:17) but then there's more to that experience than you know about once again let me caution the hasty pudding crowd not to jump to conclusions until all the facts are in question 15 what are my plans for the future answer i and my associates will continue our work and we'll continue to keep you informed of our results as circumstances warned what you've heard today is only part of a larger body of information question 16.
(2:28:54) assuming they're interested what can fellow ufologists do to support our continuing efforts answer first of all what we're doing takes a lot of time and a lot of money we have the time money's not always available the easiest thing you can do is to make some contribution to the effort if not in cash which by no means do we request you might want to offer time research services you might have information which you feel we are interested we might be interested in in any case feel free to contact us at any time
(2:29:34) two years ago in washington dc i stated we were looking for help the response was damn few offers and a lot of rocks thrown in our direction i can say to you now that at last inventory we had plenty of rocks we still need the help those of you that still have rocks to throw allow me to suggest that they might be put to better use by tossing them at the rumor mongers or the disinformers or the incompetents that are presently running rampant those people are the ones that are giving us a bad image question 17 what about the so-called blue book 13
(2:30:18) report answer i think it's best left up to those who are circulating this material to provide the proof of its authenticity i remain unconvinced of it but open-minded which brings me at last to the final section of this lengthy paper it seems to me that it's high time i made my position clear about a few things a lot of people seem to be very interested in knowing where bill moore stands so here goes let me begin by stating that the positions presented here are entirely my own all are based upon evidence obtained by
(2:30:58) me and by associates during the course of our project some of that has been made available already some is provided for the first time in this paper and some remains to be released at a later more appropriate time as to the existence and depth of that which yet is yet to be released you'll just have to take my word for the time being to best to the best of my knowledge everything here is true indeed although i confessed to having practiced an occasional deception now and again over the years in order to protect the
(2:31:35) integrity of what i was doing our goal from the very beginning was to keep things as above board as possible after all ours is a search for answers not an effort to create more mysteries position number one is that a highly advanced extraterrestrial civilization is visiting planet earth and is actively manipulating our awareness of their presence here position number two elements of at least two of the us government's intelligence agencies are aware of this and both are presently conducting highly classified
(2:32:22) ongoing research projects i can tell you without reservation that at least

one of these efforts and possibly both has access to electromagnetic optical and infrared signature data which if released to the public would provide proof positive that some ufos represent somebody else's highly advanced technology unfortunately i can't tell you more at this time i wish i could those of you who find me competent and credible will take this as a revelation which is as it should be those who hold other opinions will
(2:33:04) continue to throw rocks while loudly demanding at the same time that i deliver proof positive into their hands on a silver platter so that they can call it their own and claim credit for it patience my friends position three u.s government counter-intelligence people have conducted an on-again off-again campaign of deception and disinformation about the ufo phenomenon for more than 40 years those who have been responsible for such operations are highly placed individuals within at least two separate agencies and there does seem to be a degree of
(2:33:43) cooperation between them these operations involve a large number of people and are well organized they also include the use of phony documents and the recruiting of informants who are able to provide information on the activities of people conducting ufo research or who have had ufo experiences why is this happening my experience suggests five different reasons a the disinformation provides security cover for a real ufo project which exists at a very high level and is known only to an elite few b it is also useful as part of a security process designed
(2:34:33) to divert attention away from the real but non-ufo related high-tech research and development projects c it is a manipulation by a group of highly placed and well-to-do individuals like the trilateralists who espouse a one-world philosophy and who are using the ufo phenomena in an effort to bring about world unity in the face of an unknown threat from space d it provides a convenient way to train counter intelligence agents in the techniques of deception and disinformation e it is a manipulation by ufo aliens themselves
(2:35:15) as part of their plan to gradually make human society aware of their presence my position is that the truth is whether those people are witting or unwitting tools of this process i do not know the last best thing the disinformation people expected however is that someone who knew of their activities with the benefits affair would pop up after so many years and burst their balloon position four we have been able to confirm that there is in fact a group known as mj12 which operates at the white house national security council level
(2:36:18) it's the best of my knowledge this group still uses 12 as the designator the level 6 level of security around this group is such that we have not yet succeeded in establishing whether or not its functions are ufo related or even precisely how long the group has existed along these same lines none of our sources has indicated any knowledge whatsoever with terms such as magi majesty pi40 plato garnet or a number of other terms currently being spread by certain elements position five there is in fact a project aquarius
(2:37:03) possibly two of them they have succeeded in obtaining considerable information about one such project in the 1971 73 time frame and sketchy information about another which may be a later extension of the first one in the 76 to 85 time frame this information includes contract and report numbers as well as the names of several individuals who worked on the project more details will be forthcoming later meanwhile it ill behooves ufo researchers to deluge the government with free freedom of information requests for details of
(2:37:42) sensitive high-level projects this simply alerts the powers that be that you are on to them and thus makes it all the more difficult to obtain information through other channels in the rush for me first in the ufo community we are often our own worst enemies discretion is the better part of valor position six with respect to the controversial mj-12 papers these have now been examined by a number of question documents experts and other research on them is continuing as well as you've just heard from my friend stanton
(2:38:24) in the case of the cutler twining memo found in the national archives i can state with reasonable certainty that it is an authentic document and the best evidence indicates that someone planted it amidst the papers of record group 341 knowing that there was a strong chance we would find it there with respect to the so-called eisenhower briefing document there is still no compelling reason to believe it is anything but authentic on the other hand its authenticity remains far from proved so in the final analysis the scale
(2:39:00) remains balanced by the weight of arguments on both sides if it's the real thing it's going to take extraordinary evidence to convince even some of the more liberal skeptics if it's a hoax it's extraordinarily well done much better than the

sort of disinformation i encountered in connection with the benowitz case of course it still may be disinformation but again then again it may not either way there's a major story here and the controversy is far from over if it's real it speaks for itself
(2:39:44) if it's disinformation the equally important story of why needs to be told as for the so-called truman executive order of september 24 1947 which is actually the final page of the portion of the eisenhower document which we have the analysts have come up with mixed results though not yet disproved this document presents the weakest case of the three we are working on a final report on this matter which will include the results of typeface analysis and other processes it's going to be a lengthy affair before leaving it however i would like
(2:40:28) to at least comment on what has emerged as the most controversial aspect of the mj-12 document affair that is a date format there are a couple of points i would like to make one if the similarities between stylistic characteristics of the documents and my own writings are important as some have claimed then are not dissimilarities equally important there are some you know even in the way the dates are written why do those who go to such pains to point out similarities not go to equal pains to point out disc similarities especially when they claim
(2:41:17) to be using the scientific method who did i wonder be prejudiced or does the word incompetence better describe it two we are by no means convinced that the date format is as critical an issue as others would make it out to be while the style is admittedly unusual it is not without precedent and that of course is the bottom line isn't it three to those of you who still harbor suspicions that i created the documents and i'm perpetrating a hoax i say thank you for the compliment to those of you who think it more likely
(2:42:02) that i am the innocent victim of an elaborate hoax i conceived that this remains a possibility which has not yet been entirely ruled out position seven the matter of alien abductions of humans is apparently regarded as serious by those within the government who are aware of the extraterrestrial nature of ufos this is evidenced by the fact that the government has gone so far as to disinform its own counter-intelligence people on that very subject i don't know position eight the secret behind the government ufo
(2:42:52) cover-up is essentially an awareness of what ufos are by a few people in high places who have connections with the national security council in the white house widespread publicity about the abduction phenomenon is in what is already a difficult situation within group there are strong differences of opinion as to whether information should be released to the public and how there seems to be some consternation about exactly who is in control of the situation position nine ufology has been stumbling around for 30
(2:43:35) years looking for answers unless something is done to reduce the petty bickering the rumor mongering the name calling the ego massaging the power politics and the personal vendettas which have been taking up our time sapping our strength and disgracing our image lately i expect mainstream ufology will go right on stumbling for a long time to come what is needed i submit is a society of professional ufologists which adheres to established research procedures and techniques which maintains a rigorous set of ethics and standards
(2:44:18) and which limits its membership to a few whose competence has been appropriately demonstrated no matter what happens however i am committed to completing the process i have begun i am presently working with a network of more than a dozen individuals some of whom hold some very impressive credentials we have been actively exploring the labyrinth of government ufo involvement and we will continue to do so until we feel the task is complete or that we can go no further our group is euphemistically called the aviary
(2:45:01) and each individual uses a code name of a bird as an identifier we will continue to provide the ufo community with data and we will continue to proceed in a way which we feel best suits our purposes a number of people have suggested to me recently that i should defend myself against various allegations and rumors which have been circulating lately well folks you've just heard the case for the defense now reach down inside of yourselves and wrench forth of judgment i and my group of associates are going to find some answers no matter what it
(2:45:43) takes and no matter how long it takes we are out there digging and we are going to continue to dig either with the support of the ufo community or without it armchair researchers and hasty pudding pot shop plagiarist ufologists whose only goal is to make themselves look important at others expense take note those of you who think we're doing a good job and want to be part of that process please know

that we welcome any support you feel you can offer even if we've had personal differences between us in the
(2:46:21) past those who feel it's all a con game or that it's all disinformation can continue to throw all the rocks you want we're going to go right on without you just as we always have in closing [Music] i wish to state that the text you've just heard me read is copyrighted as such any use of predict video or audio reproductions of this material without permission is prohibited and finally this paper marks a radical change of position for me in the past i've always been very careful to qualify my statements about
(2:47:05) the possible extra extraterrestrial nature of ufos so as to leave room for other explanations all the evidence that my associates and i have accumulated to date however boils down to two inescapable conclusions first there is an extraterrestrial presence here on planet earth and second a small number of individuals within our government know it but remain undecided as to what to do about it these two things represent the bottom line from there it's only a question when covering just how much of the rest of the ufo story
(2:47:45) is for real and how much of it is that is precisely what we intend to do so either climb aboard and hang on or get off the tracks i apologize for having taken so long if i've offended that's unfortunate but i have tried to be truthful with you i had a lot to say and it needed to be said thank you good night and farewell

MW. Do you think that Bill Moore's behind-the-scenes cooperation with the intelligence services will damage his credibility within the UFO community?

HB. I Think Bill Moore is a very complex man. If you participate in a programme he admits drove ufologist, Dr Paul Benerwitz to the point of a nervous breakdown, has to give you pause about the man's humanity towards his friends and associates. At the same time this does not necessarily impune his research.

It may be helpful to your readers to differentiate between Bill Moore and myself. Bill Moore is an intelligent man and his associates are quite impressive. They are also UFO believers. I'm still a cynic and a sceptic about most things. What I have done is take a little narrow area. But that narrow area turned out to be rather dramatic and revealing arena where the US Government is looking into questions that Bill Moore thinks he

MW. I understand that you and your book have the backing of MUFON. However, do you think you are going to have a hard time convincing those hardliners who strongly believe that the MJ-12 panel actually existed?

HB. My role in relation to UFO groups is that I am a spectator not necessarily

Howard Blum

William L. Moore:

Hoaxer Or Hoaxed?

Editorial by Lawrence Fenwick

The documents which follow this editorial should be carefully looked at by readers. We feel that healthy skepticism is a prerequisite for researchers in any field, not just ours. They were sent to us by Bill Moore.

Read with caution. Some of these pages are sensational in their contents. The facts are summed up in the newspaper article on the last page.

My opinion is that a hoax has been perpetrated by someone. If it is a U.S. Intelligence operative acting under orders, it will be hard to prove it. We have no evidence for that scenario, only suspicion.And only some of the documents are hoaxes.

In 1983, William L. Moore told a CUFORN meeting he had a U.S. military intelligence contact who was feeding him information. Is his contact the source of this mixture of real and false documents? Finally, does Moore know some of them are false? Has he been duped?

POSSIBLE MOTIVATION FOR MOORE

If Bill Moore has tried a hoax, he will be ostracized by ufologists everywhere. He did not make money from the sale of his books. Is there a "sour grapes" attitude on his part which led him to do this? Several times in the past, I've asked him if he's planning another book and he's said "Yes". Where is the book?

Timothy Good, a British ufologist, has a new book out called Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Cover-up. Moore obviously has provided "documents" to Good. If the book makes money, does Bill expect to get some of the profits? Remember, Bill is divorced and may need money for support payments. He's living in Los Angeles where the cost of living is high.

Another possibility is that Moore has gotten money from the U.S. government in return for planting false documents in the National Archives.

CUFORN'S OTHER DIRECTORS COMMENT

Harry Tokarz and Joe Muskat, our other Co-Directors, were at first astonished and then suspicious of the documents.

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Harry(and Joe agrees with him) said: "The text of the C.I.A. memo and the page which mentions Project Sigma sound quite different from known government documents. They appear totally incongruous. The text is totally out of whack."

"The wording 'to make those fools realize' on the C.I.A. memo is a good example of this. Not only that, the blatant language used seems as though it was intended to impress UFO researchers. Rather than using code words, it uses researchers language. The Unclassified Project Sigma page uses the word 'aliens'. There's a questionable look to this." (ED. NOTE: the meeting 'two aliens at a pre-arranged location in the desert of New Mexico' sounds like something out of Adamski's books.)

"The memo to General Twining is unsigned. Most important," said Harry, " the classifications used in many of the documents are incongruous with what Dr. Robert Sarbacher said when he noted that UFOs are considered at a level much above "Top Secret".

"When Moore sent these documents, you would think that, given his knowledge of government documents, he would spot a phoney document and mention it in a covering letter. He did not include such a letter to us."

LARRY BRYANT SUSPICIOUS

Larry Bryant, who works at the Pentagon and is a founder of the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, had this to say:

"As for the material itself, some of it's probably hoax. It just sounds too good to be true, to some degree. It also sounds phoney. The cover sheet of one of those documents has a funny little symbol on it which I've never seen before. It doesn't look like a government symbol. I don't know if Moore thinks we're supposed to accept that. He may be testing us, and for what reason I don't know. But he's going to end up in trouble at the rate he's going."

"One way or the other, somebody's going to get tired of these hoax documents. It's unfortunate if he's just playing games."

"The document from Bolling Air Force Base which mentions Stanton Friedman is legitimate. The one from the Archives is probably legitimate. You wonder who's doing the blacking out of parts of the documents. Whether that's just a teaser or what. I'll tell you, I'm surprised at Bill doing this. That C.I.A. page is the phoniest one of all. If it is top secret, you don't talk like that about another agency."

BARRY GREENWOOD PUZZLED

Another CAUS member, Clear Intent co-author Barry Greenwood said: "I think the C.I.A. document is a crock of bull. I filed a request on that document with the C.I.A. and I got a response back on June 1, 1987. They said, essentially, it's a 'poorly made fabrication.' I frankly can't understand how Bill Moore would let that go without qualifying it. It's loaded with flaws. It's going to reflect badly on him because the impression will be that he's circulating phoney stuff. That's what's puzzling about this whole thing."

"He's putting these things out with his newsletter and and we just don't see any evidence that he doubts some of these things he's seeing."

"Furthermore," said Greenwood, "the National Archives, in fact, is casting doubt on the Cutler memo."

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NOTE: The documents will be printed in two parts; the remainder will be the July-August, 1987 issue.

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"I just got a note from Bob Todd. He had spoken with them and they said there are several physical things about the memo which they are very bothered by. One being that the document did not contain the top secret control number it's supposed to contain for filing an access. They said that's very unusual that it would turn up like that without the number. If the document just happened to turn up at the time, they never would have found it. They've put a control number on it now so they will be able to get it."

WRONG LOCATION FOR MARKING

"But they said that also the placement of this security marking was unusual. Normally, it's on the bottom and the top of the document. Here, it's under the date. Abnormal, in other words."

"And a few other minor things which they felt added up to this being suspicious. They did allow for the possibility that the document was "salted" there by someone from outside. It's very easy for someone to come in and put phoney documents in their files."

MOORE ADMITS DELETIONS

Greenwood pointed out that he "spoke to Marge Christianson recently. She said Moore had been on a Phoenix radio talk show and he admitted he had made the deletions on the documents. If he's altering these things, it doesn't speak well."

"It might be hard to prove that Bill "salted" something at the Archives, but I think you can see that he or someone else did it. Somebody seems to be manufacturing some of the information."

"I still find it hard to believe that Bill would be doing that. I had a little more trust in the things Bill Moore did. I just find it amazing that he could be part of a disinformation campaign. He should know better."

"What's the meaning of these things? I hope it isn't a money motive either. This could really be devastating for the subject."

We'd like your opinion about the documents and this editorial. We'll print your letters in the next issue. Write to us.

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FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW section, May 3, 1987

Intruders Don't Discriminate

To the Editor:

In her sympathetic review of my book "Intruders: The Incredible Visitations at Copley Woods" (April 5), Bettyann Kevles makes an assertion I would like to correct. After carefully outlining the admittedly bizarre U.F.O. abductions and enforced genetic experiments my book describes, she states that all the victims of these experiences are white Americans. She wonders, then, if this constitutes a racial bias. Since I had not felt the obligation to disclose the race of anyone I dealt with in my book, I am dismayed that the absence of this information led Ms. Kevles to assume the subjects were, by default, white. In fact, the abductees I've worked with include seven Hispanic victims as well as blacks, Europeans, Native Americans and people of extremely varied ethnic and socioeconomic background.

BUDD HOPKINS
New York

Bettyann Kevles replies:

Perhaps this is an instance in which identification of the racial composition of the victims might have been enlightening. The half-alien, half-human hybrids Mr. Hopkins describes are all pink or gray, from which I inferred that all of their human parents were white. I am pleased to learn that a number of them were Hispanic-Americans or blacks.

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EXECUTIVE CORRESPONDENCE

EXECUTIVE BRIEFING

SUBJECT:

PROJECT AQUARIUS (T-S)

ATTENTION

THIS DOCUMENT WAS PREPARED BY MJ12. MJ12 IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS [redacted]

DOCUMENT CONTROL

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ON EXECUTIVE ORDER

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PROJECT AQUARIUS

TS-ORCON PROJECT: [redacted] Contains 16 volumes of documented information [redacted] to from the beginning of the United States investigation of unidentified Flying [redacted] Object: (UFO) Unidentified Alien Crafts AIAC). The Project was originally [redacted] established in 1959 by order of President Eisenhower, under control of [redacted] In 19[redacted] the Project's name was changed from Project [redacted] to Project [redacted] The Project was funded by [redacted] confidential funds (non-appropriated) [redacted]

[redacted]

Dec 1969 after Project Blue Book was closed. The purpose of [redacted] collect all scientific, technological, medical and intelligence [redacted] UFO/IAC sightings, and contacts with alien life forms. This [redacted] ted information has been used to advance the United States Space [redacted]

(TS/ORCON) The proceeding briefing is an historical account of [redacted] Government's investigation of Aerial Phenomenas, Recovered Alien [redacted] Contacts with Extraterrestrial Life Forms.

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315 PROJECTS UNDER PROJECT

2. (TS/ORCON) PROJECT SIGMA: (PROWORD: [redacted]. Originally established as part of Project [redacted] in 1959. Became a separate project in 1976. Its mission was to establish communication with Aliens. This Project met with positive sucess, when in 1969, the United States established primitive communications with the Aliens. On April 25, 1969, a USAF Intelligence Officer, met two Aliens at a pre-arranged location in the desert of New Mexico. The contact lasted for approximately three hours. [redacted], the Air Force officer managed to exchange basic information with the two Aliens (Atch 7). This project is continuing at an Air Force base in New Mexico. (OPR: [redacted]

3. (TS/ORCON) PROJECT SNOWBIRD: (PROWORD: [redacted]. Originally established in 1972. Its mission was to test fly a recovered Alien aircraft. This project is continuing in Nevada. [redacted]

(TS/ORCON) PROJECT POUNCE [redacted] originally established in 1966. Its mission was to evaluate all U.S. information pertaining to space technology. PROJECT POUNCE continues [redacted]

TOP SECRET

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1982 - Moore asks Bob Pratt of *The National Enquirer* to help him publish a book based on the Aquarius documents. Richard Doty provides assistance under the pseudonym 'Ronald L. Davis'. The book is never published.

April 1983 - Linda Moulton Howe is preparing material for an HBO TV documentary about UFOs. Richard C. Doty (an AFOSI agent at Kirtland Air Force Base) takes her to a small office and passes several papers including Project Aquarius.

Howe was allowed to read but not make notes or copies of the papers. Doty also offered Howe film taken of *aliens* at Holloman AFB from 1964. The film never materialized and because of the delay, Howe's contract to produce her documentary expires.

1984 - Jamie Shandera (TV producer friend of Bill Moore) anonymously receives a roll of film in the mail. When developed, it shows official looking documents detailing the formation and organization of MJ-12. Anonymously sent copies are also mailed at a later date to others (including British ufologists Jenny Randles and Timothy Good).

1987 - Timothy Good releases his book Above Top Secret, the first widely available publication to discuss the MJ-12 documents. Shortly afterwards, further documents were released into the public domain by Friedman, Moore, and Shandera.

1988 - October 14th, a heavily scripted TV show 'UFO Live!' airs in both the US and USSR. It includes a disguised Doty and Robert Collins plus Moore, Friedman, and Shandera telling some amazing stories.

VIDEO

1989 - Bob Lazar tells his story which includes 'Majestic' references.

1990s - Further MJ-12 related documents are received by Timothy S. Cooper and Don Berliner. Their provenance and creator(s) remain unknown.

2007 - Author Dr. Michael Heiser requests Dr. Carol Chaski perform linguistics testing on a sample of MJ-12 documents. Her assessment was that the papers she examined were almost certainly forgeries.

2017 - 30 years after their first public exposure, yet another MJ-12 document is supposedly made public. Allegedly leaked to Heather Wade a month before the 70th anniversary of Roswell.

COMPLAINT FORM

HQ IVOS

I ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

TITLE
KIRTLAND AFB, NM, 8 Aug - 3 Sep 80, Alleged Sigthings of Unidentified Aerial Lights in Restricted Test Range.

DATE 2 - 9 Sept 80

TIME 1200

PLACE AFOSI Det 1700, Kirtland AFB, NM

HOW RECEIVED

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SOURCE AND EVALUATION
MAJOR ERNEST E. EDWARDS

RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS ADDRESS
Commander, 1608 SPS, Manzano
Kirtland AFB, NM

PHONE
4-7516

CR 44 APPLIES

II SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

REMARKS

1. On 2 Sept 80, SOURCE related on 8 Aug 80, three Security Policemen assigned to 1608 SPS, KAFB, NM, on duty inside the Manzano Weapons Storage Area sighted an unidentified light in the air that traveled from North to South over the Coyote Canyon area of the Department of Defense Restricted Test Range on KAFB, NM. The Security Policemen identified as: SSGT STEPHEN FERENZ, Area Supervisor, AIC MARTIN W. RIST and AMN ANTHONY D. FRAZIER, were later interviewed separately by SOURCE and all three related the same statement: At approximately 2350hrs., while on duty in Charlie Sector, East Side of Manzano, the three observed a very bright light in the sky approximately 3 miles North-North East of their position. The light traveled with great speed and stopped suddenly in the sky over Coyote Canyon. The three first thought the object was a helicopter, however, after observing the strange aerial maneuvers (stop and go), they felt a helicopter couldn't have performed such skills. The light landed in the Coyote Canyon area. Sometime later, three witnessed the light take off and leave proceeding straight up at a hight speed and disappear.

2. Central Security Control (CSC) inside Manzano, contacted Sandia Security, who conducts frequent building checks on two alarmed structures in the area. They advised that a patrol was already in the area and would investigate.

3. On 11 Aug 80, RUSS CURTIS, Sandia Security, advised that on 9 Aug 80, a Sandia Security Guard, (who wishes his name not be divulged for fear of harassment), related the following: At approximately 0020hrs., he was driving East on the Coyote Canyon access road on a routine building check of an alarmed structure . As he approached the structure he observed a bright light near the ground behind the structure. He also observed an object he first thought was a helicopter. But after driving closer, he observed a round disk shaped object. He attempted to radio for a back up patrol but his radio would not work. As he approached the object on foot armed with a shotgun, the object took off in a vertical direction at a high rate of speed. The guard was a former helicopter mechanic in the U.S. Army and stated the object he observed was not a helicopter.

4. SOURCE advised on 22 Aug 80, three other security policemen observed the same

DATE FORWARDED HQ AFOSI HQ IVOS 10 Aug 80

AFOSI FORM 88 ATTACHED ☐ YES ☐ NO

DATE 8 Sept 80

TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF SPECIAL AGENT RICHARD C. DOTY, SA

SIGNATURE Richard C. Doty

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aerial phenomena described by the first three. Again the object landed in Coyote Canyon. They did not see the object take off.

5. Coyote Canyon is part of a large restricted test range used by the Air Force Weapons Laboratory, Sandia Laboratories, Defense Nuclear Agency and the Department of Energy. The range was formerly patrolled by Sandia Security, however, they only conduct building checks there now.

6. On 10 Aug 80, a New Mexico State Patrolman sighted a aerial object land in the Manzano's between Belen and Albuquerque, NM. The Patrolman reported the sighting to the Kirtland AFB Command Post, who later referred the patrolman to the AFOSI Dist 17. AFOSI Dist 17 advised the patrolman to make a report through his own agency. On 11 Aug 80, the Kirtland Public Information office advised the patrolman the USAF no longer investigates such sightings unless they occurred on an USAF base.

7. WRITER contacted all the agencies who utilized the test range and it was learned no aerial tests are conducted in the Coyote Canyon area. Only ground tests are conducted.

8. On 8 Sept 80, WRITER learned from Sandia Security that another Security Guard observed a object land near an alarmed structure sometime during the first week of August, but did not report it until just recently for fear of harassment.

9. The two alarmed structures located within the area contains NQ CR 44 material.

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REMARKS

On 24 Oct 80, Dr PAUL FREDRICK BENNEWITZ, Male Born 30 Sep 27, KS, Civ, SSAN: [b7C] [b7C] Albuquerque, NM, contacted SA RICHARD C. DOTY through Major ERNEST E. EDWARDS, Commander, 1608 SPS, Kirtland AFB, NM and related he had knowledge and evidence of threats against Manzano Weapons Storage area. The threat was from Aerial phenomena over Manzano.

On 26 Oct 80, SA DOTY, with the assistance of JERRY MILLER, GS-15, Chief, Scientific Advisor for Air Force Test and Evaluation Center, KAFB, interviewed Dr. BENNEWITZ at his home in the Four Hills Section of Albuquerque, which is adjacent to the northern boundary of Manzano Base. (NOTE: MILLER is a former Project Blue Book USAF investigator who was assigned to Wright-Patterson AFB W-PAFB, OH, with FTD. Mr. MILLER in one of the most knowledgeable and impartial investigators of Aerial Objects in the southwest). Dr. BENNEWITZ produced photographs and over 2600 feet of 8mm motion picture film depicting unidentified aerial objects flying over and around Manzano Weapons Storage Area and Coyote Canyon Test area. Dr. BENNEWITZ has been conducting independent research into Aerial Phenomena for the last 15 months. Dr. BENNEWITZ also produced several electronic recording tapes,

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allegedly showing high periods of electrical magnetism being emitted from Manzano/Coyote Canyon area. Dr. BENNEWITZ also produced several photographs of flying objects taken over the general Albuquerque area. He has several pieces of electronic surveillance equipment pointed at Manzano and is attempting to record high frequency electrical beam pulses. Dr. BENNEWITZ claims these Aerial Objects produce these pulses.

3. After analyzing the data collected by Dr. BENNEWITZ, Mr MILLER related the evidence clearly shows that some type of unidentified aerial objects were caught on film; however, no conclusions could be made whether these objects pose a threat to Manzano/Coyote Canyon areas. Mr MILLER felt the electronical recording tapes were inconclusive and could have been gathered from several conventional sources. No sightings, other than these, have been reported in the area.

4. Mr MILLER has contacted FTD personnel at W-P AFB, OH, who expressed an interest and are scheduled to inspect Dr. BENNEWITZ' data.

5. Request a DCII check be made on Dr BENNEWITZ.

6. This is responsive to HQ CR 44.

7. Command was briefed but did not request an investigation at this time.

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WHAT DOES OUR GOVERNMENT KNOW ABOUT UFOs?

A Research Update by William L. Moore

Over the past 6½ years, through aggressive means, I and ultimately several close associates have succeeded in establishing a cooperative relationship with a number of well-placed contacts within the American intelligence community. As a result, certain information has been made available which appears to pertain directly to our government's continuing involvement with the UFO phenomenon. Among this is both hard and filmed copies of documentation, several videotaped interviews and a number of useful leads which have enabled us to independently uncover additional supporting information.

The information contained in the following pages corroborates information provided us verbally during meetings with these contacts. Assurances have been given that additional information can be made to us over the next several months.

This information is being shared with the UFO community, and through them, ultimately, with the public at large, in anticipation that the resulting controversy will prove useful in further verifying the authenticity of its contents and last in the hope that it will assist in setting the stage for additional information to come.

Recently a number of rumors have circulated within the UFO community to the effect that some sort of major release of information on UFOs is imminent and that I am intimately involved with it. At this time it is only possible to confirm that a careful effort is currently underway which, if successful, could bring about the release of additional information through a major news media source in the near future. This project has presently reached a delicate juncture and no further specifics can be provided at this time.

If for some reason our major effort should not prove successful, it remains nonetheless our intention to make available a lesser but still highly significant amount of information. which is already in hand and currently under study. Once again, no further specifics can be provided at this time.

Meanwhile, any assistance which can be provided us in further researching this material will be most appreciated.

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EXECUTIVE BRIEFING

(TS/ORCON) In June 1947, a civilian pilot flying over the Cascade mountains of Washington State observed nine flying discs (later referred to as UFOs). The Commander, Air Force Technical Intelligence Center of the then Army Air Forces became concerned and ordered an inquiry. This was the beginning of the United States involvement with the UFO investigations. In 1947, an aircraft of extraterrestrial origin crashed in the desert of New Mexico. The craft was recovered by the military, four Alien (non-homo-sapiens) bodies were recovered in the wreckage. The Aliens were found to be creatures not related to human beings (Atch 1). In late 1949, another Alien aircraft crashed in the United States and was recovered partially intact by the military. One Alien of extraterrestrial origin survived the crash. The surviving Alien was male and called itself "EBE". The Alien was thoroughly interrogated by military intelligence personnel at a base in New Mexico. The Alien's language was translated by means of picture graphs. It was learned the Alien came from a planet in the Zeta Reticuli star system, approximately 40 light years from Earth. EBE lived until June 18, 1952, when he died to an unexplained illness. During the time period EBE was alive, he provided valuable information regarding space technology, origins of the Universe, and exobiological matters. Further data is contained in Atch 2.

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PROJECT AQUARIUS

(TS/MAJIC/NOFORN) [redacted] Contains 24 volumes of documented information collected from the beginning of the United States Investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) And Identified Alien Crafts (IAC). The Project was originally established [redacted] by order of President Eisenhower, under control of NSC and NSA. [redacted] Project's name was changed from Project Sigma to Project Aquarius. The Project was funded by CIA confidential funds (non-appropriated). The Project was originally classified SECRET but was upgraded to its present classification in Dec 1959 when Project Blue Book was closed. The purpose of Project Aquarius was to collect all scientific, technological, medical and inteligence information from UFO/IAC sightings and contacts with alien life forms. This orderly file of collected information was then used to advance the United States Space Program.

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(TS/ORCON) The recovery of Alien aircrafts led the United States on an extensive investigation program to determine whether these Aliens posed a direct threat to our national security. In 1947, the newly created Air Force initiated a program to investigate incidents involving UFOs. The program was operated under three different code names: Grudge, Sign, and finally Blue Book. The original mission of the Air Force program was to collect and analyze all reported sightings or incidents involving UFOs and determine whether the information could be interrupted as having any bearing on the security of the United States. Some information was evaluated with the idea of using the gained data to advance our own space technology and future space programs. Ninety percent of the estimated 12,000 reports analyzed by the Air Force were considered hoaxes, explained aerial phenomena's, or natural astronomical objects. The other 10 percent were considered legitimate Alien sightings and/or incidents. However, not all UFO sightings or incidents were reported under the Air Force program. In 1953, Project Gleem was initiated by order of President Eisenhower, who believed the UFOs presented a threat to the national security of the United States. Project Gleem, which became Project Aquarius in 1966, was a parallel reporting system for UFO sightings and incidents. Reports collected under Project Aquarius were considered actual sightings of Alien aircrafts or contacts with Alien life forms. Most reports were made by reliable military and Defense Department civilian personnel.

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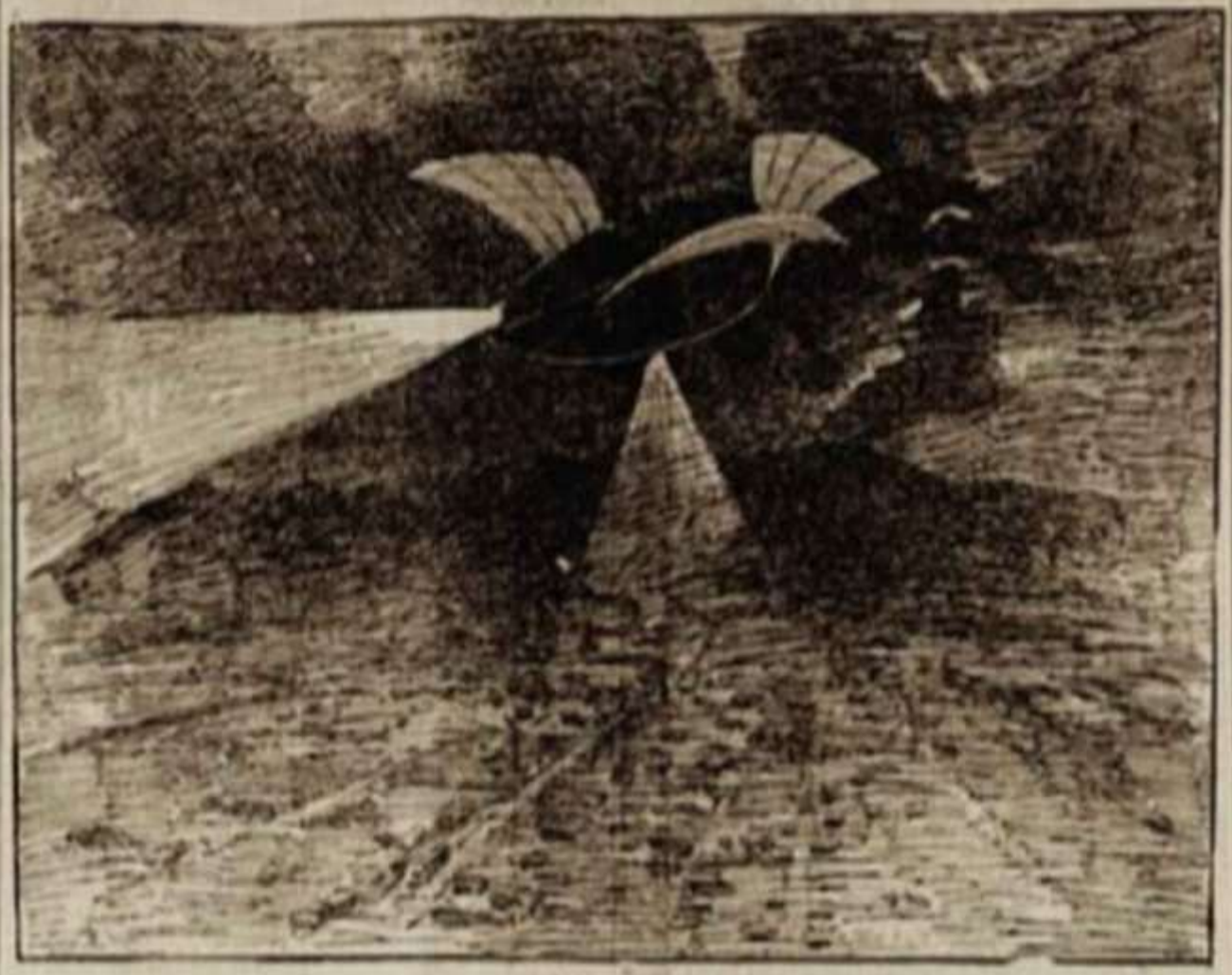

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ARMY SAYS ALARM REAL

U.S. Flyers Reap Indies Victories

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Rangoon Aces Bag 30 Planes

Allied Airmen Vanquish Jap Sky Fighters and Strafe Invading Hordes

Storm Grows Over Delay in Alien Ouster

Telegraphic Petitions to Dixon Urging Action; Navy Speeds Evacuation

INFORMATION, PLEASE

(Editorial)

Five Deaths Laid to Raid Blackout

Traffic Accidents and Heart Attacks Take Lives of Quarrets

Roaring Guns Mark Blackout

Identity of Aircraft Veiled in Mystery; No Bombs Dropped and No Enemy Craft Hit; Civilians Report Seeing Planes and Balloon

Overshadowing a nationwide resolution of rumors and confusing reports, the Army's Western Defense Command yesterday insisted that Los Angeles county enjoying blackout and anti-aircraft action were the result of "unidentified aircraft sighted over the beach area.

In two official statements issued with the consent of the Navy Knox in Washington was attributing the attacks to a "false alarm and "jittery defense" the command at San Francisco continued and unconfirmed the reports over the Southland of unidentified planes.

Relayed by the Southern California senior office at Fort [illegible] the second statement read:

"The aircraft which caused the blackout in the Los Angeles area for several hours this a.m. [illegible] were identified."

Despite these official assertions that the alarm was [illegible] a substantial of thousands of citizens who heard and saw the efforts spilled airplanes roaring above the [illegible].

For other news and pictures of yesterday's air raid alarm, see Pages A-2 and 3.

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Los Angeles Examiner

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AIR BATTLE RAGES OVER LOS ANGELES

IN THE NEWS

Impossible to Send MacArthur Planes, Roosevelt Asserts

RUSSIANS TRAP 45,000 NAZIS, KILL 12,000

One Plane Reported Downed on Vermont Avenue by Gunfire

HUNT ON FOR SPIES AIDING NIPPON SUB

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THE COMING OF THE SAUCERS

'If there is no truth today, there will be myths tomorrow'

Yuli Khariton

SEPTEMBER 2004, CAFE BLISS, DALSTON, LONDON

John Lundberg and I were meeting at our favourite eatery, named after the impact that its take-no-prisoners greasy breakfast had on one's digestive system. John and I met in 1998, when I joined his crew of crop circle makers. Yes, people make crop circles – all of them – and have done since the mid-1970s.

John and his fellow crop-flatteners had been busy every summer since the early 1990s, and they still are. I encountered them as a journalist for *Fortean Times* magazine and ended up joining their team. Although I stuck with it for several years I was never a very good circle maker, but I never tired of working the fields under a night sky (except when it was raining) and was endlessly fascinated by the logical contortions that believers in the crop circle mystery would go through in order not to confront what – to anyone not spiritually, emotionally or financially invested in the phenomenon – appeared to be the bleeding obvious.[1]

On that partcular day, however, we weren't talking about crop circles. John was busy making films and had just wrapped up a short documentary about a crop circle researcher who had got into trouble with the government. He slid into the cubicle seat opposite me, wearing his customary outfit of iPod earphones, army-green puffa jacket and Aphex Twin sweatshirt. Tall and solidly built as his Viking surname would suggest, with his close-cropped hair John might appear intimidating if he wasn't usually smiling. As soon as he'd ordered his vegetarian breakfast we got down to business.

'I've been talking to someone at the CIA,' he said in a hushed voice. 'Everything he's told me so far has turned out to be a lie, but he's a friendly guy and I'm sure he knows a thing or two. At the end of our conversation he said that if I was interested in UFOs I should make a film about someone called Richard Doty. Do you know who this character is?'

I swallowed my baked beans, had a gulp of tea, took a deep breath and began talking. Richard C. Doty was a Mephistophelean character who haunted the underworld of UFO literature. To some, Doty was a dark knight, caught between the intelligence world that he had once operated in, and the world of the UFO researchers to whom he provided incredible information about the alien presence on Earth. To others, he was a pariah, a tool of the government conspiracy, a sower of disinformation and a traitor to the cause of shattering UFO secrecy. In other words, Doty was our kind of guy. The characters who are drawn to liminal phenomena like UFOs and crop circles are an abiding fascination to John and me. These things don't happen in a vacuum – they need people like Doty, and us, to feed them and give them their strange form of life: one that lies somewhere between everyday fact and elaborate fiction. In other words, if a UFO lands in a forest and no one's there to see it, was there ever really a UFO?

In the late 1970s and early 1980s Doty had worked for the US Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), which acts as a sort of internal FBI for the Air Force. Most of the time AFOSI, or more usually just OSI, investigates crimes committed on US Air Force bases at home and abroad –

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anything from petty theft, to drug dealing or murder. AFOSI is also tasked with detecting and deterring any threats to the Air Force and its operations, a counter-intelligence and counter-espionage role that is vitally important in maintaining the technological advantage over its enemies. The US Air Force has been the world's leader in developing new aviation technologies for decades, and AFOSI has played a critical part in this.

As a special agent for AFOSI, stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico, Doty became embroiled in one of the strangest espionage campaigns of the post-war era. It's a story that was never intended to be made public, but it was. Whether the campaign's exposure was Doty's fault or, as some suspect, he was merely the fall guy for a larger operation, it exposed some of the most sensitive machinations of the Air Force to public scrutiny and revealed, for the first time, what many people had always suspected: that the US government was telling lies about UFOs; just not quite in the way that the UFO community wanted to believe.

The story begins in 1979 with Paul Bennewitz, a brilliant engineer and physicist in his early fifties. His company, Thunder Scientific, developed temperature gauges, compasses and other equipment for the Air Force and NASA from workshops on the border of Kirtland. Bennewitz himself lived with his wife and kids in the swanky Four Hills estate on the north side of Kirtland, from where he had a good view of the base and the Manzano mountains in particular, hollowed-out twin peaks that at the time held one of the largest stockpiles of nuclear weapons in the USA.

In July of that year, from his roof deck, Bennewitz began filming strange lights flitting and bouncing around the Manzano area, and recording radio transmissions that he felt were associated with them. Being a responsible citizen, not to mention an Air Force contractor, in 1980 he decided to tell Kirtland Security what was going on. While an undoubtedly brilliant scientist, Bennewitz was also, like many brilliant people, a little on the eccentric side, and had reached the conclusion that the lights could only be highly advanced aircraft piloted by extraterrestrials. He also surmised that their intentions were anything but friendly, and that's what he told the Air Force.

So far, so peculiar, but here's where it gets odder, and very sinister. Bennewitz, who died in 2003, aged seventy-five, was a good man and a true patriot. The Air Force could easily have brushed him off with a 'thanks for looking out for us, these are our own classified aircraft, so we'd rather you just ignored them and didn't tell anyone about what you've seen'. Instead they, or rather AFOSI, decided not just to encourage Bennewitz in his harmless delusions but to amplify them to a volume that would eventually push him over the brink and into madness. For the next few years AFOSI passed him faked government UFO documents, gave him a computer that appeared to be receiving transmissions from the malevolent ETs and created a fake UFO base in remotest New Mexico. All this for one eccentric scientist.

Richard Doty's role was to befriend Paul Bennewitz and steer him deeper into his *War of the Worlds* fantasy. At the same time, Doty was secretly liaising with at least one respected UFO researcher, William Moore, who provided AFOSI with the latest details of ongoing investigations and research in the UFO field. Moore's information was then used to generate bogus government documentation that corroborated the UFO community's suspicions of a top-level UFO cover-up and drew his fellow researchers into a rich pseudo-history of human–alien interaction that stretched back at least two thousand years. Moore, for his part, claimed to have been co-opted with the promise of *genuine* government UFO documents that would prove, once and for all, that extraterrestrials really were visiting planet Earth, and that the US government was sitting on the biggest story in human history.

This twisted pretzel of a campaign lasted until the late 1980s, culminating with the fracturing of both the American UFO community and Paul Bennewitz's mind. Doty's actions were eventually exposed and, after some time working with AFOSI in West Germany, he retired from the Air Force to become a New

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Mexico state trooper. And that was as much as I, or anyone else at that time, really knew about Richard Doty.

For me the really interesting part was that Doty and Bennewitz were the conduits, if not the source, for much of the UFO mythology that had emerged since the early 1980s. Stories about crashed UFOs, US government pacts with nasty ETs, alien harvesting of cattle and manipulation of human DNA, which had gained in potency and authenticity as they were retold through countless books, articles, films and TV documentaries. This was the forge of late-twentieth-century folklore, the heart of America's Cold War dreaming and the world in which John and I, with our crop circle work, were already a small part.

I had no idea whether Doty was a maverick or simply one of many agents working the same beat, though America's intelligence agencies had always been associated with the UFO story. Within the UFO community it was assumed that the CIA, the National Security Agency and others were tools in the cover-up of the Truth, but the Bennewitz affair suggested that the opposite might be the case, that these agencies were in fact *responsible* for much of the UFO mythology.

In the early days of the Cold War, America used radio transmitters to broadcast propaganda deep into the Soviet bloc. Every large Russian town ran an 'Interference Activity Service', employing hundreds of 'jammers' who used electronic tones, tape recordings, rattles and voices to block out these hostile American signals. Creating noise, a surplus of information and bogus documentation – data-chaff known in the business as disinformation – is a favourite technique of the intelligence and counter-intelligence agencies. Was this what the Bennewitz affair was really about? If so, then what was the signal that they were masking?

I'd read other stories linking UFOs and espionage: in the early 1950s the CIA smuggled Hungary's crown jewels out of the country disguised as UFO parts, and in 1991 MI6 tried to smear potential UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali by connecting him to outrageous stories about extraterrestrials.[2] Snippets like these hardly suggested that the intelligence world was desperately trying to keep the lid on the boiling pot of extraterrestrial reality, more that the UFO was just another toy for them to pull out of the box when it seemed appropriate.

So why, we had to wonder, did John's CIA contact want John to make a film about Richard Doty? It was certainly an intriguing idea, albeit one that we were unlikely to get very far with: Doty had been off the UFO scene for years and the chances of us getting to interview him were next to nil. It didn't help that the UFO scene had itself been stagnant for almost a decade; even the Internet seemed to have broken off its love affair with our alien friends. Interest had peaked in 1997, when *The X Files* was at the height of its popularity and something very large had appeared to drift silently over Phoenix, Arizona that March; but since then there'd been very little zeal for the subject, a trend made clear by the paucity of UFO news clippings being sent in to *Fortean Times*. The only ones I could remember were about the closure of UK UFO organizations and the 'death of ufology'. No, this was not a time to be chasing UFOs, or even stories about UFOs. But why should that stop us?

We decided to make a film about Richard Doty and the Intelligence world's involvement in the UFO community. Perhaps by the time we finished UFOs would be back in vogue again. Stranger things had happened.

Fired up with excitement about our new project, John and I went our separate ways, but as soon as I got home and thought about what I'd just got myself into, my initial enthusiasm began to melt away. I remembered the last time that the world had succumbed to UFOria, when I had found myself, like many others, deeply entrenched in the frontlines of belief. Did I really want to go through all of that again?

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A dream I had back in 1995, not long after my Yosemite sighting, reflected the intensity of my obsession with UFOs at the time. It was a strange and powerful dream, of the sort that lingers like a stain on the unconscious for years afterwards. In the dream I was invited, like Paddington Bear, to tea with the Queen, Elizabeth II. I was taken to see her in a glowing silvery carriage. I don't remember the outside of the palace where I met her, or even whether it was a building at all, but the interior was a tourist-brochure fantasy of regal chic, every available surface draped with red velvet and ermine and encrusted with jewels and gilt. The Queen was impeccably polite, as was I. We sipped tea from bone china cups and discussed things; I don't remember what. Then it was time to go.

Her Majesty led me to the palace entrance, the threshold of which was filled with glowing yellow-white light. She took my hand to say goodbye and I leaned forward to give her a peck on the cheek, only to be consumed with horror. From my puckerer's perspective I noticed a discoloured patch where the make-up had been rubbed from the royal jowl, and beneath it was cold, grey, leathery, *alien* skin.

Freudians might interpret this as an infantile power fantasy, merged with a representation of my alienation from womankind. Jungians might read it as an encounter with my own *anima*, the goddess-crone within. David Icke, who wrote in earnest about such things a few years after I'd had my dream, would view it as a glimpse at the awful reality of our shape-shifting, blood-drinking, reptilian extraterrestrial overlords. Many in the UFO community would see it as a screen memory disguising a genuine alien abduction experience. Perhaps it was all these things, but in hindsight it was also a sure sign that I was reading too many books about UFOs.

That autumn, back in the UK, I joined the Norfolk UFO Society (NUFOS), based in Norwich where I was living as a student. A couple of months later the group's young founder suffered a marijuana-induced nervous collapse and I was left running the show.

NUFOS meetings took place every two weeks at Norwich's Ferry Boat Inn on the River Wensum. Sometimes they drew in as many as a hundred people, though the hard core was made up of about twenty, among them retired policemen and RAF personnel. Many of the members sought answers to strange experiences of their own, though an upsurge in media stories about UFOs that silly season, mostly surrounding a hoaxed film of aliens being autopsied by the US government, brought plenty of curiosity seekers our way.

As the society's chairman I usually gave the presentations. I spoke about the American 'remote viewing' psychic spying programme, the Face on Mars, what was really going on at Area 51 in the Nevada Desert (I'd reached the base perimeter on the US road trip), whether the world would end in December 2012 and other now well-worn and rusty staples of the UFO lore that, in pre-Internet days, were still considered fairly esoteric, certainly in Norwich.

NUFOS also carried out investigations, occasionally getting a mention in the local papers. One evening I went to see a man who had filmed an oddly shaped bright light in the sky. It turned out to be the planet Venus – the innocent party in so many UFO sightings – given unusually angular form by the internal shutter mechanism of his video camera. Another time the local paper ran stills from a video showing an orange light drifting through the sky. It was classic UFO footage, a formless, illuminated blob of colour rising against a dark night backdrop. It could have been anything. My phone number was listed in the news report about the film, resulting in a handful of anxious calls about other strange lights in the sky. My standard response was to suggest that the witness kept watching the light until they became too cold or too bored to continue. Then they were to go back outside at the same time the following night: if the light was still there then they didn't need to call me back. No one did.

It was a simple enough equation. UFO reports in the media encouraged curious people to look up at the sky, something most people rarely do. There they would see things they had never seen before and wonder

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if they'd seen a UFO. It had happened to me on numerous occasions. The most common culprits were bright stars and planets (particularly Sirius and Venus), satellites, shooting stars and aircraft making their descent to land, their front lights appearing to hang motionless in the air. These kinds of sightings make up almost all UFO reports, and they always will. But there are other kinds of UFO reports and we got a few of them, too.

Most spectacular were the flying triangles, variations on which are still seen all over the world. A famous sighting had taken place from an oil rig off the Norfolk coast in 1989 when a mysterious, black, triangular-shaped craft, which became known as the North Sea Delta, was spotted being refuelled by an American KC-135 tanker plane accompanied by two F-111 fighter jets. This was no misidentification of a kite or a seagull: the witness, Chris Gibson, was a former Royal Observer Corps member and knew his aircraft.

These flying triangles – almost certainly advanced military aircraft, or a range of different aircraft – are recurring characters in the UFO story, where they go under names like Aurora, Black Manta or TR-3B. They've been reported at sizes ranging from the size of three (American) football pitches (more than 1,000 feet), to that of an ordinary military plane, and have been clocked at speeds ranging from a hover to faster than the blink of an eye. They are often imbued with special powers like silent flight, invisibility and the ability to defy gravity.

NUFOS had received reports of black triangles hovering over canal boats on the Norfolk Broads and an alarming account from a family who had been shadowed by one on a motorway. It flew so close, they said, that they could have poked it with a broom handle, should they have had one in the car. These reports were intriguing, certainly more exciting than the usual lights in the sky, but what were we supposed to do with them? We could talk to the local RAF, who would suggest that we made a formal report to the Ministry of Defence, but the MOD were hardly likely to give us a spotter's badge for spying on their most secret aircraft.

'What are we going to do about it?' was a regular refrain at our meetings. I certainly didn't want to do what the leader of the Lancashire UFO Society had suggested when his own group were faced with similar flying triangle reports; he'd advocated breaking into RAF Wharton, where the enigmatic aircraft were alleged to be stationed. While it was an interesting idea, I suspected that most NUFOS members would have had trouble climbing the stairs at any of the numerous military installations in our own area, let alone scaling the fence.

Some of our regulars had quite complex and personal relationships with the UFO phenomenon. One woman associated sightings of red balls of light over her home with the chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) from which she suffered. Another, older, woman was trapped in a wheelchair with an illness so extraordinary that no doctor could diagnose it; she was convinced it had something to do with aliens. When we first spoke she told me that she had seen aliens disguised as logs in her woodpile. She had also seen red lights over her home, like the woman with CFS. Over time, I came to realize that in the two weeks between each NUFOS meeting, the woman would experience whatever had been discussed by the rest of us at the previous gathering. I secretly suspected that she was a model case of what psychologists, publicly at least, call a fantasy-prone personality.

Then there were the psychics; the UFO phenomenon has always drawn them in. As far back as 1945 – two years before the world first heard about flying saucers – American psychic Meade Layne had founded the Borderland Sciences Research Foundation Organization and begun channelling extraterrestrials known as the Etherians. By the mid-1950s clear lines had been drawn between the 'nuts and bolts' ufologists, who tended towards science-orientated research and often came from professional scientific backgrounds, and the channellers and contactees, who were more spiritually inclined. At NUFOS we had

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them all.

One of our members, Sean, was a scrawny, unkempt man with black bags under his eyes and a permanent thousand-year stare. He'd done psychic work for the UK government, he told me, and was part of a secret cell whose role it was to combat the Black Magic operations of the Conservative Party. It was obvious, Sean once told me over a Guinness, that Norman Tebbit was the leader of this Tory satanic cabal: 'You only have to look at his eyes.' Several years later, long after my tenure as chairman, Sean was taken to court by NUFOS, accused of stealing funds and property.

George and his wife Janet came late to the group. A friendly couple who exuded an air of utter seriousness, George and Janet channelled messages from extraterrestrials and were shown visions of the future on their television set. One of these visions revealed a mass alien landing on Earth, heralding the apocalypse in the year 2000 (and that was a long time before anyone had even heard of the millennium bug).

At NUFOS, being unusual was one thing, but being uncertain was another. One day, in the early summer of 1996, a committee meeting was called and we assembled in the back room of the Ferry Boat Inn. It had been decided, I was informed, that I wasn't the right leader for the group. I was friendly, young and reasonably bright, but I didn't have answers. In fact my presentations always resulted in more questions, and that wasn't really helping anyone to get to the bottom of the UFO mystery. NUFOS needed a leader who could instil discipline into the group, give it direction and, yes, provide those answers.

So they'd decided that George, the psychic who received alien messages through his television, should be the group's new Chairman. To say I felt betrayed would be overstating it – I had finished my studies and was preparing to move to London in the next couple of months – but I did fear for the group and where it might be heading. I imagined them huddled together on a cold Norfolk night on the Broads, lit only by the flicker of a portable television set, waiting to be transported up on to a passing flying triangle.

In hindsight, I wasn't the best man for the job of running NUFOS. What I thought of as the ideal sceptical middle ground – neither believing nor disbelieving in a theory until the facts made it impossible for you no longer to take a position, and then questioning that too – was impossible to maintain within this kind of community. Anyway, what had I been doing there? Was I really running a UFO society or was I an awkward, even dishonest, participant-observer who had got in over my head? I still don't know, but soon afterwards I moved to London, taking with me a cartoon of an alien being beamed down to the car park of the Ferry Boat Inn, drawn by Harry, an ex-policeman in the group.

Things changed for me after that, as did my relationship to the UFO phenomenon. The skies over London, crowded out by streetlights and tower blocks, filled with mundane air traffic, are rarely as rewarding as those over Norfolk's flat and empty expanses. Over the ensuing years I stopped looking up and my interest in the subject began to fade, as it seemed, did the rest of the world's. I still enjoyed reading UFO tales – the more bizarre the better – and kept an ear on the UFO grapevine for any dramatic new developments in the lore, but there were none that left any kind of impression on me, or, it seemed, the UFO field.

I was growing tired of the relentless crowing from the UFO community that 'the truth was out there', that the greatest event in human history, an exchange with extraterrestrial life and culture, had been consigned to a vault or hangar somewhere on an American military base. If this event had taken place, then where were the signs? Where were the sudden deviations from the script of history? Where were the ET technologies? Who would really benefit from keeping them secret? Who could possibly have more money and power than Madonna, Steven Spielberg or any number of oil-rich sheikhs or oligarchs? If some secret organization did hold the Truth, as the conspiracists believed, what could they do with it that these people couldn't?

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The pieces just didn't fit, the evidence wasn't there and the long-promised revelations just weren't coming. It was clear that even if there were real UFOs, then nobody – not the world's governments (secret or otherwise) and certainly not the ufologists – knew very much about them. To paraphrase one ufological commentator, UFO researchers knew everything about UFOs except what they are, why they are here, where they come from and who's steering them. Any sense that I had once felt of a possible non-human presence, an alien sentience behind the phenomenon, had dwindled to almost nothing. That people were still seeing UFOs I had no doubt – they always have and they always will – but I came to feel that the most important part of most UFO sightings was what went on inside the witness, not outside.

I eventually lost touch with NUFOS, but it still exists. The group, and many others like it, serves as a perfect microcosm of the worldwide UFO community, and indeed of any community centred on a mystery. In fact, with their eternal quest for truth and meaning, permanently hampered by the struggles-in-miniature of day-to-day existence and the slow throttling of the imagination by the overwhelming bureaucracy that governs them, these groups probably serve as a decent metaphor for life itself. Would civilized life on another planet really be so different?

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William Moore: UFO opportunist or agent of disinformation

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It was just about a year after J.Allen Hynek had passed away and I was serving as the Director of Special Investigations for his namesake, the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) in Chicago, Illinois. I also served on the board of directors at that time. It was seven years since the book The Roswell Incident had sparked a fair degree of interest on the American UFO scene and I, for one, was not impressed. In fact, I would not even acquire a copy of the book for another year. Nonetheless, many throughout the UFO community were taking the case seriously. The very notion that the U.S. government had in their possession the actual remains of a crashed flying saucer was within the scope of possibilities for many of my colleagues. The problem for me was that I just could not conceive that an event of such magnitude could be kept a secret for all those years. As a result, I was very dismissive of such a fairytale. Little did I know that my entire life was about to be completely engrossed by the very subject.

Come February of that time in 1987, I received a phone call from my good friend and fellow CUFOS board member, Jerome Clark. 'Jerry' was cautiously excited about a fast developing situation within our field of ufology. So fast, that he immediately asked me to strictly take his word, due to the fact he had yet to see that for which he was about to describe to me. "Don!" exclaimed Jerry. "We may be on to a smoking gun situation here. Now, I've talked to Mark (Dr. Mark Rodeghier, successor to Hynek) and he agrees with me that we should go ahead with this. We'd like you to contact Paul Harvey and see if he'll break the story of what I'm about to confide to you." The late Paul Harvey was a famous radio news commentator with ABC network out of Chicago for over fifty years. After Hynek had passed away, I was selected by the CUFOS board to continue briefing this highly influential newsman on the subject of UFOs. "Tell me what you have," I asked Clark. He replied, "If this is genuine, it will break the entire UFO field wide open..."

William Leonard Moore was a most prominent ufologist during the late 1970s up until the end of the 1980s. Somehow, for which remains a mystery to this day, he either stumbled upon or orchestrated, one of the most controversial topics both in and outside of the subject of UFOs. To some, he remains an enigma, both misunderstood and willing participant. To others, his name and actions are considered "Judas-like" in their implications. Therefore, we will examine how a high school teacher found himself engulfed in the middle of either an early attempt at disclosure or a multi-tiered game of disinformation possibly intended to take down the entire UFO community.

From 1966 through 1978, he taught French and Russian in Pennsylvania public schools. It is interesting to note that given his second language was Russian, that has suggested he would become a primary candidate for American espionage. In 1979, Moore moved to Minnesota where he took on a new profession of teaching drama and English at a high school outside of the Minneapolis/St. Paul area. Before teaching, he was primarily employed as a union arbitrator and mediator. In any event, he was most proficient with his language skills and was destined to become a writer and lecturer. Among other interests, he had also been into the subject of UFOs and had investigated a number of minor reports for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) of Washington, D.C. during the 1960s. It came as no surprise that with his background, he would eventually write a book on the topic. However, his first attempt was not quite on target.

Hardly related to the subject of UFOs, in 1979, Moore co-authored The Philadelphia Experiment with world famous linguist Charles Berlitz. The book recounted the alleged 1943 U.S. Navy cloaking experiment of the USS Eldridge at the Philadelphia Naval Yard. Based on pure hearsay and no eyewitness testimony, the tale of the ship disappearing from its dock and reappearing off Norfolk, Virginia, has become the fodder of pure fantasy believers.

It was while publicizing his first book that Moore renewed an acquaintance he had with Stanton Friedman while he was lecturing in Minnesota. As it turned out, they both shared a number of witnesses related to the Roswell incident of 1947. Moore tracked down original newspaper accounts about the case and by mid-1979; the two researchers were discussing a book on the forgotten event. However, there was one glitch. Moore's original publisher, Grosset and Dunlap insisted that as in the previous book, Berlitz would again write the final draft. Friedman and Moore would provide all of their investigative notes and send them off the much more popular author in New York. Frankly, Friedman conducted most of the interviews with potential witnesses, and received only a mention in the acknowledgements when the book was released in 1980.

From left: William Moore, Jamie Shandera, and Stanton Friedman. (Credit: Antonio Huneeus)

To limited fanfare, The Roswell Incident received mixed reviews from the critics, but did bring the case once again to the forefront of UFOlore. Others, like me, had a most difficult time accepting the very premise of the book. Just as Moore's previous writing, this book read in many ways like the pages of a checkout stand tabloid. Years later, Moore himself regaled the book as a "disgraceful hodgepodge of fact and fiction." He would deny writing any part of it. This would become quite evident in the update papers that he would present over the next few years. Conversely, they were demonstrative of Moore's keen eye and prowess as an investigator; his reports not only presented the Roswell case as factual, but also appeared to harden his determination to solve the occurrence. Alternatively, so it appeared in the first five years of his investigation of the New Mexican mystery.

Promoting the book was rather limited in comparison to today's outlets. Still, as Moore would describe, opportunity knocked while doing just that. "I got a phone call after appearing on a radio show from a man who said 'you're the only person we've heard talk about this subject, who seems to know what he's talking about.' He convinced me that he was a government intelligence agent and wanted to begin disseminating some information about UFOs to the public." In exchange for providing the researcher with new information, Moore was to observe specific individuals within the UFO field. Whether out of curiosity or anxiousness to finish his own investigation, Moore jumped at the opportunity. The question remains, was he set up to fail and ruin his reputation, or was he part of the very disinformation scheme he claimed to be enlisted. In any event, who would be the first ufologist on their 'hit list?'

The late Paul Benowitz was an investigator with the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) of Tucson, Arizona. A most controversial figure, Bennewitz was of the belief that there was a serious plot involving an extensive network of underground UFO bases connected to an alien colonization and control scheme to subjugate the human race. He also claimed to have uncovered evidence of aliens controlling people using electronic devices, and furthermore, claimed UFOs were frequently observed near Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, which was connected to secret tunnels into the mountains of nearby Manzano Nuclear Weapons Storage Facility and Coyote Test Range. How did Bennewitz come to suspect all this? He was convinced he was intercepting electronic communications originating from a secret underground UFO facility located outside of the town of Dulce, New Mexico.

Unable to contain himself, Bennewitz proceeded to sound the alert openly, much to the consternation of officials at APRO. Moore just happened to sit on the group's board of directors during this episode and they immediately labeled the bizarre claims as delusional and paranoid. However, unknown to Bennewitz, Moore and his 'new friends' outside of the UFO community, plotted to not only discredit him, but psychologically destroy him.

On December 29 and 30 of 1981, Moore would meet for the first time with the anonymous caller as mentioned previously in this article. The meetings took place at a restaurant in Albuquerque with one Sgt. Richard C. Doty, then stationed at Kirtland AFB. Doty would claim he was a special investigator with the Air Force Office of Scientific Information (AFOSI) and displayed three documents – one being the fraudulent 'Aquarius Teletype.' The stage was being set to slowly but surely, provide the UFO community with either the document proof it had sought since 1947, or the most elaborate hoax ever perpetrated on the subject.

Picture of Richard Doty from the documentary Mirage Men. (Credit: www.miragemen.com)

The first thing that the two agreed to was to finish the discrediting of Paul Bennewitz. It would appear that this whistleblower was becoming more dangerous to himself and hardly needed to be pushed over the edge. Still, that is precisely what Moore and Doty did. Moore started to feed him pure misinformation on the subject with the full intent he would repeat such nonsense publicly. He would. Next, they started playing mind games with their victim. For example, Moore personally described to me how they would go to Bennewitz's home on occasions and slowly move the furniture around. When ones concept of their immediate environment begins to change, we start to lose touch with reality. Sadly, it all had a most negative impact on both the physical and physiological health of Bennewitz. During that time, he was committed three times to a mental health facility and treated for severe delusional paranoia. The question still remains, was Paul Bennewitz becoming dangerous for someone else? We will address that question later.

In June of 1982, Moore teamed up with television producer Jaime Shandera after moving to Burbank, California. Along with Friedman, they had worked together in 1980 on a UFO documentary. Together, they would have clandestine meetings with a growing number of shadow characters who would become known as the "Aviary." A majority of these contacts were actually figures within the UFO community. Two others were Doty and another enlisted man at Kirtland Robert Collins, who were dubbed 'Falcon' and 'Condor' presumably by Shandera. Whether to add to the intrigue or just to maintain a level of anonymity, others were named 'Sparrow,' 'Blue Jay,' and 'Hawk.' Throughout the 1980s, more birds would join the fold totaling twelve, each one promoting a special insight into UFO intelligence and a staged attempt at slowly releasing the truth to the public. On the other hand, so Moore and Shandera were telling us. The grand scheme was about to commence.

Shandera, who was virtually unknown in UFO circles, received a 35 mm black and white roll of film in plain brown paper wrapped envelope on December 11, 1984. There was no return address, except that it was postmarked in Albuquerque. As though the delivery was anticipated, he immediately called Moore and they had the film processed. The developed film contained two documents, the more important being the seven-page Eisenhower Briefing Document, which has since been referred to the "MJ-12" documents.

Moore and Shandera would next make a trip to the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and on a tip in the form of a postcard, would go to a specifically numbered box of documents and claim to discover a carbon copy of a memo from Robert Cutler (Special Assistant to President Eisenhower) which mentioned the existence of MJ-12. Allegedly, they would spend the next two years meeting with other members of the aviary while doing all they could to substantiate the documents.

July 14, 1954

SECRET: EYES ONLY

MEMORANDUM FOR: MAJ GEN CRAIG, CINCSAC

SUBJECT: MJ-12 Special Studies Project

The President has decided that the MJ-12 SSP briefing should take place during the already scheduled White House meeting of July 16, rather than following it as previously intended. More precise arrangements will be explained to you upon arrival. Please alter your plans accordingly.

Your concurrence in the above change of arrangements is awaited.

ROBERT CUTLER
Special Assistant
to the President

The Twining Memo

This is what Jerry Clark was calling me about in February 1987. Moreover, with an assurance that everything "looked good," I contacted Paul Harvey to break the story. Thankfully, Mr. Harvey was much more reserved and needed more than copies of documents on film where no pedigree could be established. Still, he was willing to broadcast a request that anyone who could verify the documents should contact him and maintain confidentiality. The offer was made to his national audience of tens of millions of listeners. Now, all we could do was try to protect ourselves at CUFOS and investigate the situation ourselves. I was assigned to represent the organization and extend a helping hand of cooperation to Moore, Shandera, and Friedman with the hope of proving the documents as genuine or fakes. However, Shandera was the unknown in this entire affair. He would be my contact. Over the next couple of weeks, we spoke over the phone for no less than ten hours. In addition, after each conversation, I would report to my scientific director, Dr. Mark Rodeghier. The one element that Shandera emphasized repeatedly was that they were promised a "truck-load" of additional documents. UFO believers were about to have all of their dreams come true. Shandera would end each conversation with a remark made specifically by either Falcon or Condor as though they were calling all the shots. I believe he also wanted CUFOS to think this was a rapidly developing story and there was little time for substantiation.

In the same token of urgency, it was immediately requested that I arrange for either Moore or Shandera to meet with Paul Harvey in Chicago. That was my one mistake and it would cost me any further association with such a prominent figure in the media. Harvey had agreed to meet with Shandera, mainly for the fact that no whistleblowers had stepped forward to endorse the MJ-12 papers. He felt a meeting with the recipient might advance the process before presenting his findings in a closing newscast. To say that Shandera was a disappointment would be an understatement. He traveled to Chicago and met with the legendary reporter in a leather motorcycle jacket, t-shirt, blue jeans, and cowboy boots. Nevertheless, what truly upset Harvey, was Shandera's claim that according to his "inside sources," organized religion, specifically Christianity, was concocted by the aliens. Harvey, a deeply religious man, was personally offended and was close to calling security to have this "charlatan" removed from his office. I had never met Shandera, took the word of my associates, and it cost me my association with Paul Harvey.

For the very fact neither Moore, Shandera, Friedman, nor anyone else for that matter were able to provide any substantiation, for the documents, Paul Harvey's "rest of the story" on MJ-12 and UFOs in general was less than tepid. We all had lost a major ally within the American press – and I could only blame myself. Now it was my turn. I was heading to California to meet the two people who were still claiming the proof was right around the corner.

Over the course of the next two years, I would meet in Los Angeles at the home of Shandera. I would meet privately with Moore and Shandera during other visits. At this stage they were both aware we were investigating more than their personal claims – we were now investigating them. The questions grew beyond the authenticity of the MJ-12 documents and the supporting papers. We now focused on who could have created, "forged" such documents and for whose benefit. Through years of follow-up investigation, we have arrived at specific conclusions.

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From the very first time I talked with Jamie Shandera in 1987 until the last time I saw him in July 1997, he gave me the same assurance each time. "We expect to have many more supportive documents in the near future," became a stuck record from Moore's partner. On other occasions, Shandera would go so far as to suggest that a "truckload" of documents was about to be turned over to them. All, with the plan to prove that the U.S. Government has physical proof of the existence of UFOs since 1947. As of 2013, twenty-six years after the promises that disclosure was imminent – still nothing – including the complete disappearance of Moore and Shandera from the UFO field. Consider the following:

During 1982, Moore and Doty attempted to get UFO journalist Robert Pratt to assist them to publish a book focused on the Aquarius and MJ-12 documents. Doty went under the pseudonym of 'Ronald L. Davis.' This was after Moore related to Doty a story of a famous UFO hoax. Doty and his colleagues used this story to provide details to create the Aquarius Executive Briefing. This was the document, which Doty attempted to pass of as genuine to UFO researcher Linda Howe in April 1983. Howe was negotiating with the HBO television network, about a UFO documentary. According to Friedman, "...the simple fact of the matter is that Moore, Shandera, and I had already picked up on all the names of the [MJ-12] list prior to the receipt of the [MJ-12] film." Moore, himself would admit, "Some months later, in early 1983, I became aware that Rick [Doty] was involved with a team of several others [in AFOSI], including one fellow from Denver that I knew of and at least one who was working out of D.C., in playing an elaborate disinformation game against a prominent UFO researcher [Howe], who at the time, had close connections with a major film company [HBO] interested in doing a UFO documentary."

On October 14, 1988, a two-hour TV special called UFO Cover-Up Live! was broadcast simultaneously to both the United States and oddly enough, the USSR. This connection will make more sense at the close of this article. Hosted by actor Mike Farrell of the MASH TV series, the program originated from Washington, D.C. This would become the highly promoted Moore and Shandera introduction of two of the mysterious Aviary, "Falcon" and "Condor." The two inside shadow figures were presented as U.S. Intelligence agents but were electronically disguised so they were only seen in silhouette and their voices were altered. Among some of the unbelievable claims the two "agents" made were that America was hosting alien visitors who liked strawberry ice cream and ancient Tibetan music. In reality, the two inside sources were none other than Doty and Robert Collins continuing their disinformation campaign. It attracted a huge audience but unfortunately, legitimate witnesses to legitimate UFO cases were left waiting, uncalled in their motel rooms, while Moore and Shandera exploited their own brand of disinformation. An opportunity that has left a bad taste in the mouth of ufology for all these years.

Friedman would continue to champion the MJ-12 documents even though most within the American UFO community dismissed them as just elaborate hoaxes. All through the first half of 1989, while his research partner Friedman performed due diligence, Moore and Shandera ducked all the slings and arrows by maintaining a low profile. Something was about to break and many expected delivery of all that was promised over the past two years. However, even Friedman appeared to be in the dark...or he too realized it was all about to fall apart.

On July 1 and 2, 1989 Las Vegas, Nevada hosted the annual Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) symposium. The keynote speaker for Saturday evening had yet to arrive at the Sands Casino Hotel for the conference. It had been previously arranged that he would stay elsewhere. His presentation was slated for an hour and a half...it would go on for two hours. There were no questions and answers to follow...the speaker would exit immediately through a rear door to avoid any confrontation. There were outcries of derision and threatening remarks throughout the lecture, which caused MUFON Nevada State Director John Lear, to call repeatedly for order. William L. Moore was giving his "swan song" to his colleagues within the field of ufology.

Clearly, to insure the accuracy of every word he uttered Moore read from a prepared speech. "... when I just ran into the disinformation operation... being run on Bennewitz...it seemed to me...I was in a rather unique position. There I was with my foot... in the door of a secret counterintelligence game that gave every appearance of being somehow directly connected to a high-level government UFO project, and judging by the positions of the people I knew to be directly involved with it, it definitely had something to do with national security. There was no way I was going to allow the opportunity to pass

me by without learning at least something about what was going on. I would play the disinformation game, get my hands dirty just often enough to lead those directing the process into believing that I was doing exactly what they wanted me to do, and all the while continuing to burrow my way into the matrix so as to learn as much as possible about who was directing it and why."

Moore would confess to the assembled crowd that they had been "...had by elements of United States counterintelligence." The audience's reaction was that they had been "had" by Moore. Friedman acted as though he was flabbergasted and just as shocked as was everyone else in the banquet room. He had only talked over the phone with Moore just before the introduction to his speech. Moore had agreed to meet with both of us at another location following what has become the most controversial presentation ever given to a UFO assembly. It was sad in many ways to watch someone publicly destroy himself. Sadder, still, that Moore later declined our planned meeting. If not a government agent as some had suspected, he was used to spy and discredit his colleagues, and more importantly, spread disinformation about UFOs to the American media. He had no new documents to prove or substantiate all the empty promises he had made to not only Paul Harvey and me, but also to all of his friends and colleagues. Moore had sold his soul to the devil, a devil that he, Doty, and Shandera had created for exploitation, profit, and their own bemusement at pulling off such an elaborate hoax on the entire UFO community.

Today, Moore lives in Pennsylvania and still occasionally writes, but not about UFOs. He writes an infrequent editorial for a local newspaper and has been researching the "Book of Mormon."

He now claims that he believes that "Falcon" was the late high-ranking CIA official Henry Rositzke. Rositzke worked 25 years for the agency and was a director of operations. After retiring, he authored The CIA's Secret Operations: Espionage, Counterespionage, and Covert Actions, along with The KGB: The Eyes of Russia. Rositzke was a Soviet Intelligence specialist and personally considered the KGB the world's best intelligence operation. Moore would assert that upon the agent's retirement, he also claimed to represent a group of government insiders who wanted UFO disclosure. Moore would never meet with Rositzke who passed away in 2002, but long inferred that he had spoken with the former CIA official who also spoke fluent Russian as did Moore. Originally from Brooklyn, New York, Rositzke spoke with a heavy Brooklyn accent throughout his life so it now would appear odd that according to Moore, Doty, who has an American southern accent, took on the role of "Falcon" to protect the true identity of the real one. To date, there exists no evidence that beyond Moore, Shandera, Doty, and Collins, there was anyone else even remotely associated such as Rositzke.

Even the very "core" elements of their UFO story was nothing beyond what others had already promoted; That extraterrestrials have been visiting the earth, there was a crash recovery in New Mexico with one survivor, and that the government was having a lot of trouble back-engineering the advanced technology – nothing earth-shaking here.

Another possibility for motive comes to mind when one ties in Moore's knowledge of the Russian language and his claims of noted CIA agent Rositzke. When one discovers that Paul Bennewitz had befriended a Soviet scientist and started to secretly correspond with him, this would have soon made him a target for KGB counter intelligence. Did Moore become aware of this and fancied himself to become a "spy for a day." Were there visions of taking credit for the apprehension of a Soviet spy? Keep in mind that Moore studied Russia about the same time he took interest in the subject of UFOs.

William Moore had once confided to close friend Jerry Clark, that he fully expected "Roswell to make him a million dollars." One thing remains abundantly clear, there is no evidence that Moore ever was paid for his alleged services as any intelligence agent would have been. In spite of dreams of fame and financial gain, William L. Moore now leads a life of a recluse and continues to work modest jobs such as a public school custodian. Handsomely rewarded for services rendered he certainly was not. Or was it because he failed in his participation in some form of conspiracy to fool the public with phony UFO documents? If so, the powers that be underestimated us...as most did not fall for this ruse. The late Paul Harvey was correct. We continue our own research wiser for the experience and forever vigilant of the next "stranger bearing gifts." For that life lesson, unlike most of my colleagues, I will thank Bill Moore – which is more than his "Aviary" ever did. For more on this topic read: Majestic 12: A UFO Disinformation Scandal

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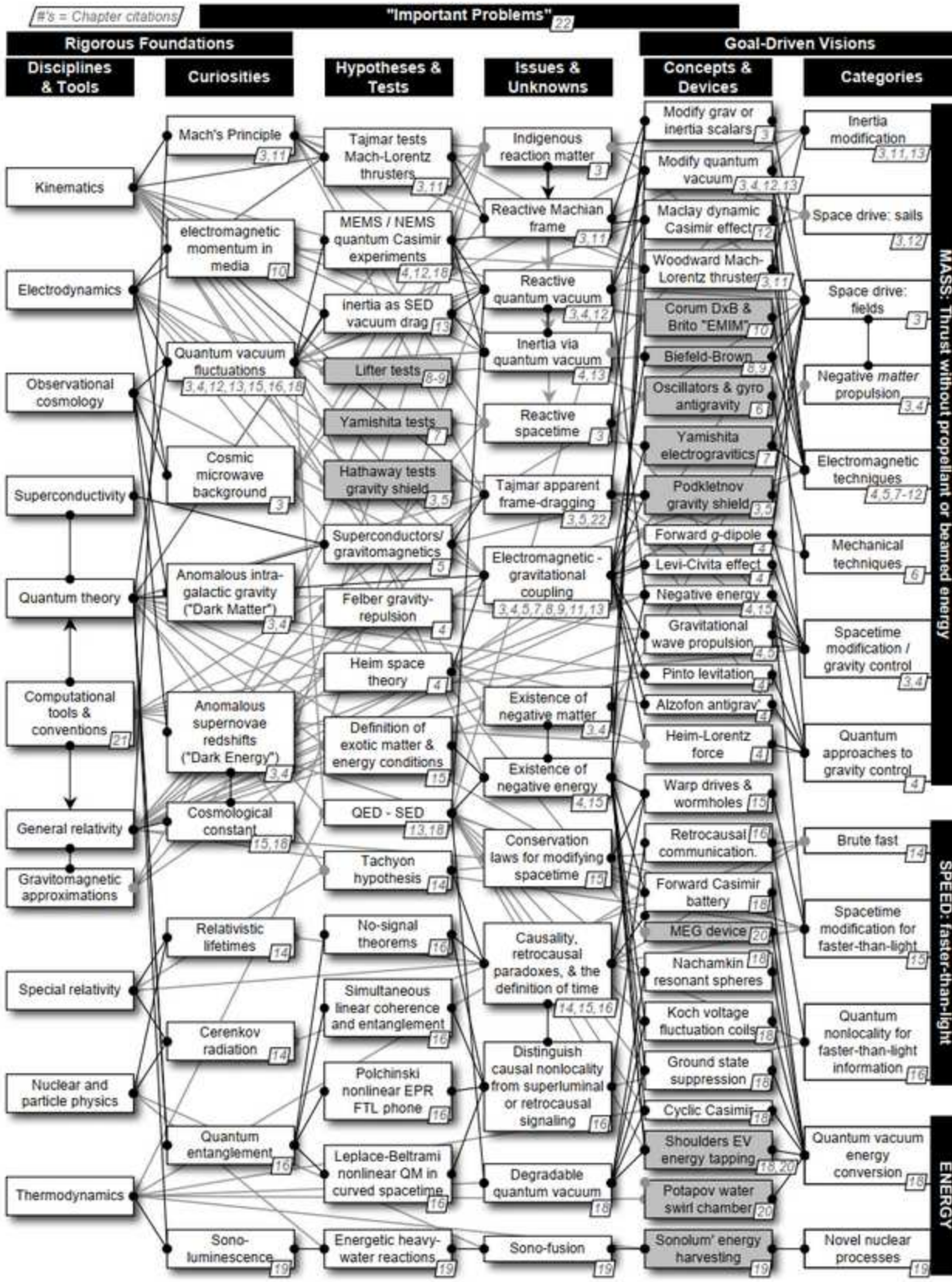
Relational Depiction of the Contents of Frontiers of Propulsion Science

(Figure 1)

- The far left column lists relevant disciplines.
- The far right column shows the goals broken down into categories of different approaches.
- Columns in between are where the various unknowns, critical issues, and curious effects await resolution.
- Shaded blocks indicate nonviable approaches.



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A Taxonomy of Possible Origins of Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAPs)

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1. NATURAL

1.1. Celestial

01 Meteors & Fireballs
02 Planets & Stars
03 Satellite Flares

1.2. Atmospheric

01 Angel Hair
02 Corona Effect
03 Lenticular Clouds
04 Light Pillars
05 Noctilucent Clouds
06 Rainbows
07 St. Elmo's Fire

1.3. Optical

01 Ball Lightning
02 Earthquake Lights
03 Fata Morgana
04 Green Flash
05 Sundogs

1.4. Geological & Other

01 Ley Lines
02 Piezoelectric Effects
03 Pole Shift
04 Quantum Bio Sensing
05 Tectonic Strain

2. HUMAN

2.1. Personal

01 Altered States
02 Anomalous cognition
03 Delusion
04 False memories
05 Hallucinations
06 Hypnosis
07 Higher Ego
08 Illusions
09 Misinterpretation
10 Neurodivergence
11 Pathological
12 Perceptual Errors
13 Pharmacological
14 Psychedelic
15 Trauma

2.2. Technological

01 Alien Implants / Placebo
02 Military Secret Tech
03 Misidentified Known Tech
04 Psychotronic Tech
05 Reverse-Engin. Alien Tech

2.3. Social

01 Cultural Bias
02 Disinformation Campaigns
03 Hoax
04 Mass Hallucination
05 Mass Hysteria
06 Memetic Virus
07 Misinformation
08 Psychological Operations
09 Techno-religion

2.4. Transpersonal

01 Collective Unconscious
02 Egregore
03 Evolved Humans
04 Extraordinary Potential
05 Future Humans
06 Higher Consciousness
07 Imaginal Realm
08 Past Lives
09 Noosphere
10 Tulpa
11 Simulated Reality
12 Super Humans
13 Psychic/Occult Abilities

3. NON-HUMAN

3.1. Technological

01 AGI Probes
02 Bracewell Probes
03 Celestial Artifacts
05 Living Tech
06- Von Neumann Probes
07 Living Tech

3.2. New Life Forms

01 Artificial Life
02 Biological Drones/Androids
03 Bosonic Life Forms
04 Compound Beings
05 Quantum Macro Phenomena
06 Sentient Plasma
07 Silicon-Based Life Forms
08 Tridactyl Humanoid
09 Unknown Animals

3.3. Physical Beings

01 Ancient Advanced Earth Civil.
02 Crypto-Terrestrials
03 Extra-Terrestrial
04 Intra-Terrestrial
05 Nomadic Interstellar
06 Time Travelers
07 Ultra-Terrestrial
08 Zoo/Quarantine Hypothesis

3.4. Spiritual

01 Ancestors
02 Angels & Demons
03 Animal spirits
04 Archetypal Images
05 Ascended Masters
06 Avatars
07 Daimonic Reality
08 Deities or Elohims
09 Eidolons
10 Elementals & Fairies
11 Godheads
12 God
13 Hermetic
14 Hidden Powers of Nature
15 Maya
16 Miracles
17 Omega Being
18 Shamanic Materializations

4. NEW PHYSICS

4.1. Extra-Dimensional

01 Antimatter Universe
02 Branes
03 Bulk Dimensions
04 Compactified Dimensions
05 Dimensional Projections
06 Discretized Dimensions
07 Extra Temporal Dimensions
08 Fractal Dimensions
09 Hyper Objects
10 Higher Dimensions
11 Hyper-space

4.2. Inter-Dimensional

01 Colliding Universes
02 Intersecting Multiverses
03 Multiverse Bleed-Through
04 Parallel Universes/Reality
05 Portals
06 Quantum Interactions
07 Recursion
08 Scale Invariance
09 Time traveling
10 Universal Cycles
11 Vibratory Modes

4.3. Other

01 Eletromagnetic / Photonic
02 Holographic projections
03 Mental Reality
04 Morphic Resonance
05 Polarizable Vacuum
06 Quantum Macro Phenomena
07 Simulation Glitches
08 Temporal Anomalies
09 Universal Information Field
10 Zero-Point Energy

5. HYBRID

01 Breakaway Civilization
02 Co-Created Reality
03 Distorsion
04 Human-Alien Hybrids
05 Magic Theater
06 Memetic
07 Oz Effect
08 Parasitic
09 Protean Psychoid
10 Possession
11 Reality Game
12 Special Effects Deceit
13 The Caroline Group

6. EMERGENT

01 Astral Soul-Forces
02- Cellular Automata UAP
03 Chained Emergences
04 Collective/Global Consciousness
05 Etheric Life-Forces
06 Gaia Hypothesis UAP Extension
07 Planetary Poltergeist

7. OTHER

01 Unimagined
02 Unimaginable
03 None of the above
04 All ofthe above (are "one thing")

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